

TAKE STEPS TO END POWER OF STEAM-ROLLER

National Republican Com-
mittee Hears Unanimous
Proposal to Curb
Its Powers

CUT DOWN SOUTHERN DELEGATIONS

Reduction of 62 in Number
Urged by Report of Spe-
cial Subcommittee
Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For two
hours today the republican national
committee vainly tried to agree upon
some plan to reduce the south's rep-
resentation in national conventions.
A dozen plans were presented. They
caused a bitter intersectional dis-
pute. All were finally referred back
for consideration by the special re-
apportionment sub-committee. It
was instructed to make a compromise
report at 4 o'clock.

The national committee adopted
a plan to curb its own power in
supervising the seating of delegates in
conventions. It withdrew its power
asserted so disastrously at the
Chicago convention, of seating or un-
seating delegates elected at primary
elections. It adopted a drastic plan pro-
viding that all delegates chosen at pri-
maries should be placed on the tempo-
rary convention roll regardless of the
wishes of the national committee.

The committee proposed to adopt
some reapportionment plan late to-
day, subject to ratification by a ma-
jority of the states primaries and
conventions, and adjourn sine die.
Curbing authority of the national
committee and reducing by 62 the
number of delegates from the south
was unanimously proposed today to
the national committee by the sub-
committee appointed to change the
basis of representation in national
conventions.

The sub-committee recommended
that the number of delegates be
reduced by 70—eight from northern
states and 62 from below Mason and
Dixon's line. There are now 1,924
delegates in all.

Four Delegates at Large

The sub-committee proposed that
each state be given four delegates
at large and one for each congres-
sional district, with one additional
delegate from each district in which
the republicans cast 35 per cent of
the total vote.

It also recommended that the re-
apportionment plan, to be effective,
must be ratified by only a majority
of republican states, instead of two-
thirds, as first proposed.

Adopts "States Rights" Rules

The national committee adopted
the "states rights" rules by an unan-
imous vote and likewise approved
recognition of primary election of
delegates, and denial of the national
committee's right to withhold seats
to such delegates. A further amend-
ment agreed to provide that dele-
gates may be chosen by state con-
ventions when primary laws are not
in force.

In presenting the reapportionment
plan, Chairman Warren of the sub-
committee, said that in accordance
to the reduction of the delegates un-
der the 35 per cent plan, representa-
tion of Hawaii would be reduced by
four, making a total reduction of 74
from the present number of dele-
gates.

Reject Convention Plan

By a vote of 35 to 14, the national
committee yesterday rejected a plan
to hold a special national convention
next spring. The fourteen delegates
who voted for the resolution sup-
porting the convention were from
Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massa-
chusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New
Mexico, New York, North Dakota,
Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Da-
kota, Washington and West Virginia.

PALMER BUYS HEARSE

The Palmer livery stable has re-
cently purchased an expensive new
hearse. The vehicle is of steel grey
body, decorated with gold leaf within
and without.

GINK-Y DINKS



Payday is an institution that en-
ables a man to distinguish between a
banquet and a bean sandwich.

CLOSE FRIEND OF POPE PIUS DEAD



Cardinal Rampolla, former papal sec-
retary, and choice of Pope Pius to
succeed him in the vatican.

RAMPOLLA'S DEATH SHAKES POPE PIUS

Second Close Friend of the
College of Cardinals Dies
and His Holiness
Suffers

WAS CANDIDATE FOR HIGH PLACE

Understood Pope Pius Had
Hoped that Cardinal
Would Be His
Successor

ROME, Dec. 7.—The condition of
the aged Pope Pius X today slightly
alarmed Dr. Marchese and Dr.
Amici, who were summoned to the
vatican immediately after the death
of Cardinal Mariano Rampolla ear-
lier in the day was announced to his
holiness.

Rampolla Dies Suddenly

Cardinal Rampolla died suddenly,
the result of an illness that attacked
him, following a religious ceremony.
He was formerly papal secretary of
state and was considered a likely
candidate for the pontificate on the
death of Pope Leo. He was a Sicilian,
born in 1843, and was of noble
family. His temporal title was Mar-
quis Del Tindaro.

The effect of the death on the
pope, coupled with the recent de-
mise of Cardinal Oreglia, was greatly
feared by the vatican physicians.
Both cardinals were close friends of
the pontiff, and it was understood
Pope Pius hoped that Cardinal Ram-
polla would succeed him, recognizing
that Rampolla would surely have
been elected to succeed Pope Leo, but
for the Austrian veto which turned
the sacred college to Pius.

The pope was not told of Car-
dinal Rampolla's death until his usual
arising time today. Visibly shaken,
his holiness dropped to his knees
where he stood.

Prays for Friend

"It's God's will," he said, and
prayed where he knelt. He then re-
turned to the private chapel to cele-
brate mass for the dead cardinal.

The death of Cardinal Rampolla
reduced the sacred college to 56 and
it was said today that a consistory
probably will be arranged for Janu-
ary to fill the ranks.

NEW YORK GETS REFORMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With the
formal signing of the bills passed by
the special session of the legislature
by Gov. Glynn today, New York state
now has a direct primary law, work-
men's compensation and provisions
for a reform ballot on its statutes.

WILSON RESUMES WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Seem-
ingly completely recovered from his
attack of gripe, President Wilson
resumed his labors today. He re-
mained in the White House, however,
Dr. Grayson feeling that he should
take particular care of himself un-
til entirely recovered.

WOULD WELCOME SOX

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—White Sox
followers have started a movement
for a home coming demonstration for
the White Sox-Giant tourists when
they reach New York on March 2 at
the end of their trip around the
world.

SEVERSON BABY DIES

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs.
Con Severson, 1729 Wood street,
passed away Sunday morning at 10
o'clock.

RIVAL REBELS TO CLASH IN FIGHT FOR THE CAPITAL

Zapata Camps 16 Miles
from Mexico City
Awaiting Time
for Dash

VILLA MENACED FROM THE SOUTH

Federals Recover from De-
feat and Move Their
Forces Upon
Chihuahua

(By a United Press Staff Correspon-
dent.)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—Mexico
today faces another impending crisis
in a probable clash between Zapata
and Carranza for possession of the
capital.

From high rebel sources, the United
Press this afternoon obtained as-
surances that the 2,000 Zapatistas
now encamped at Milpa Alta, on
sixteen miles from Mexico City, are
not there for the purpose of attack-
ing Huerta, but are there with the
object of beating the Carranzaists
into the capital when Huerta falls.

Carranza's Hands Full

With this fresh complication be-
setting him, Gen. Venustiano Carranza
is said to have his hands full. Rumors
have been current for some
time of grave misunderstanding be-
tween Carranza and General Pancho
Villa. They have been denied by
Carranza and Villa, but they per-
sist.

General Victoriano Huerta today
completed inviting all foreign diplo-
matic representatives to a big New
Year reception, which he plans will
force the foreign powers to indicate
their attitude toward him. If the
diplomats go to his party, Huerta
will construe that as recognition.

Federals Conflict

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 17.—General
Mercado, former federal military
governor of Chihuahua state,
has been deposed at Ojinaga by Gen-
erals Orozco and Salazar, according
to advices this afternoon. Friends
fear he will be executed. His two
rival generals, it is said, accused
him of bungling military affairs in
the north.

With federal troops advancing
northward from Torreon, 2,000 ri-
dgers from General Pancho Villa's
army are today marching south to
engage them at a point some distance
below Chihuahua. A general engage-
ment is expected. Several score of
refugees who arrived from Chihuahua
today added further details to the
stories of depredations by Villa's
soldiers. The homes of General
Luis Terrazas, Sr., and Juan and En-
rique Creel have been looted. Villa
has confiscated to the rebel govern-
ment the entire estates of these three
families.

Americans Unharmed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—United
States Consul Letcher today flatly
denied reports published in El Pa-
so of outrages to Americans since
the capture of Chihuahua by the con-
stitutionalists.

BLOOD MANIA LONG TRAIT OF SCHMIDT

Sister on Stand Gives Ex-
amples of Peculiar Relig-
ious Fervor Marking
Slayer's Youth

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—How Hans
Schmidt, the priest murderer, of Anna
Amueller, was accustomed, in his
boyhood, to endeavor to make all
of the poor children of his neighbor-
hood happy by giving them clothing
and would then go out to the cem-
etery and sit on a tombstone for
hours in thought, was told by Mrs.
Elizabeth Schadlock, a sister of
Schmidt, during his trial here today.

The defense resumed its intro-
duction of testimony in an effort to
show Schmidt insane. Mrs. Schadlock
said her brother displayed a pecu-
liar religious fervor from childhood.
He set up a miniature altar in the
house and obtained vestments which
he wore. One of his greatest delights,
she said, was to watch neighbors kill
chickens. He would play with the
blood, she said, and put the heads in
his pockets and carry them about
for days.

BUYS CHAIR CONCERN

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 17.—
Signing of the final papers in the
transfer of the Phoenix Chair com-
pany, the largest manufacturing con-
cern of its kind in the world, today
completed the sale of the company to
Arwin C. Hahn, the president of the
company, for \$300,000.

PAROLE HEARINGS TODAY

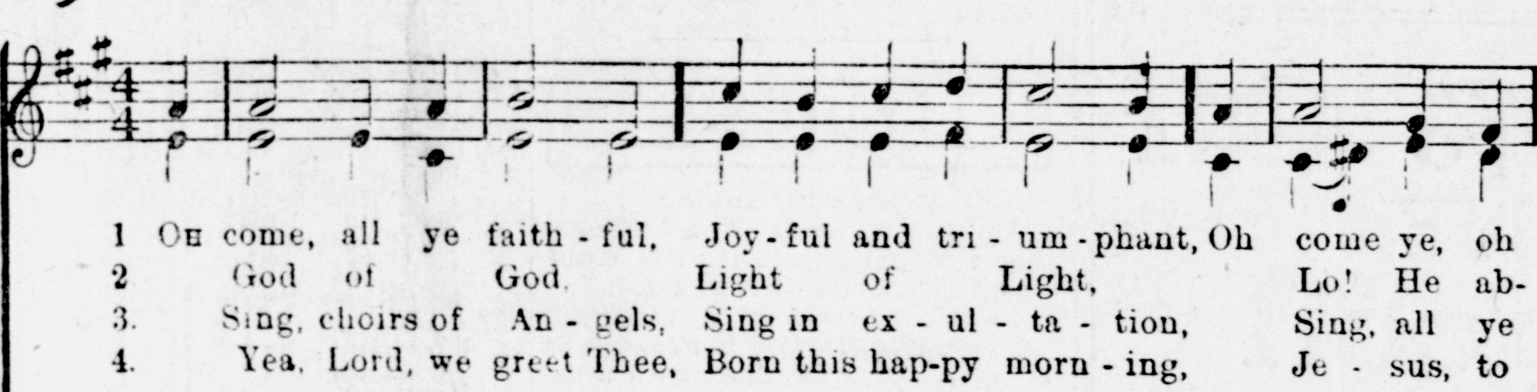
MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—Hear-
ing on applications for parole are be-
ing held at the state reformatory at
Green Bay today.

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE IS FOUND AND COMMITTEE MAKES IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Teach The Children This Pretty Christmas Carol To Be Sung
At The Municipal Celebration

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Herewith are published words and music of one of
the six Christmas carols selected by the Music Study Club to be sung by the chil-
dren Christmas eve at the Municipal Christmas tree. The remaining five will be
published one each day for five ensuing consecutive days. Parents are asked to
clip them out, play them on the piano and help the children learn both words and
music, to aid the directors of the chorus in their work.

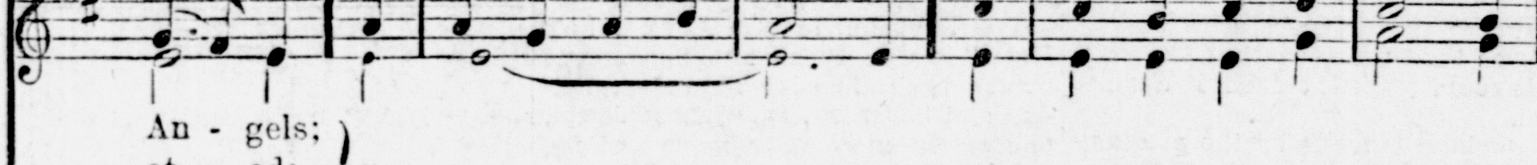
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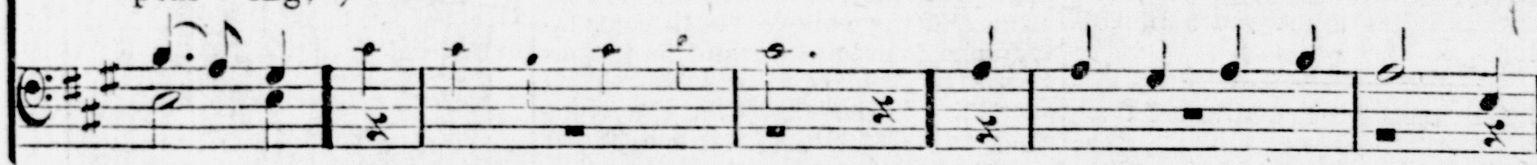
1 Oh come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phant, Oh come ye, oh
2 God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He ab-
3 Sing, choirs of An-gels, Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, Sing, all ye
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morn-ing, Je-sus, to



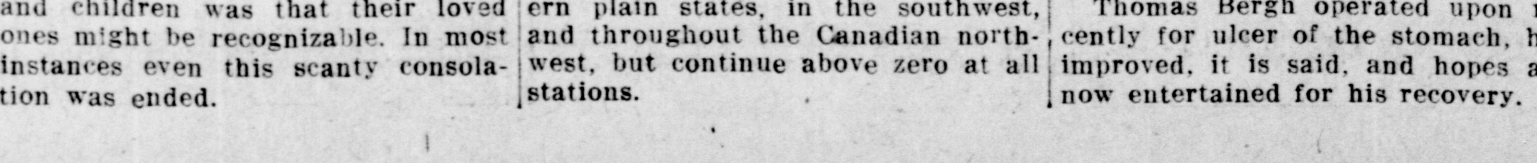
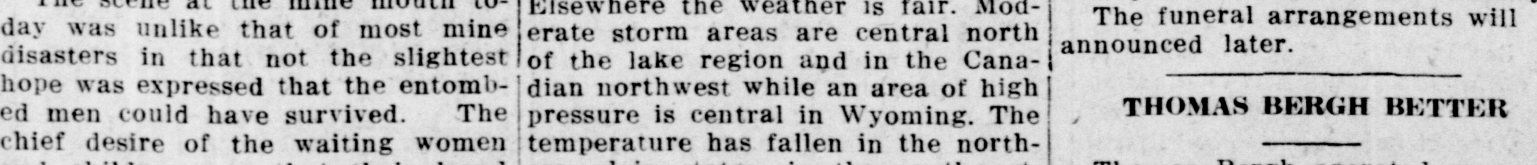
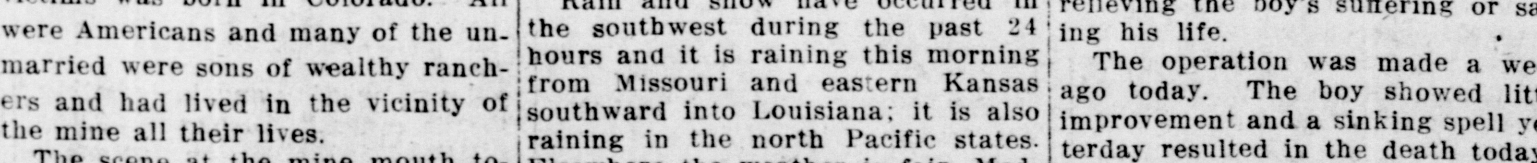
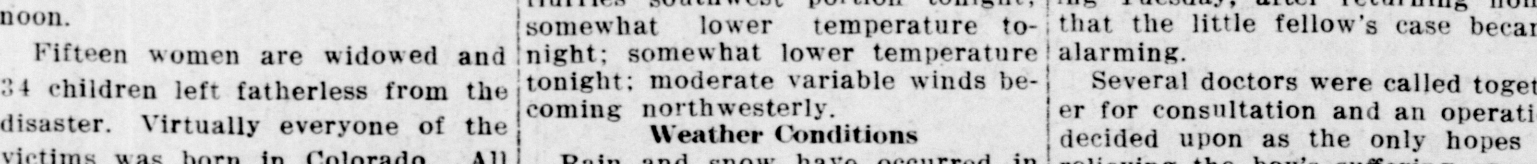
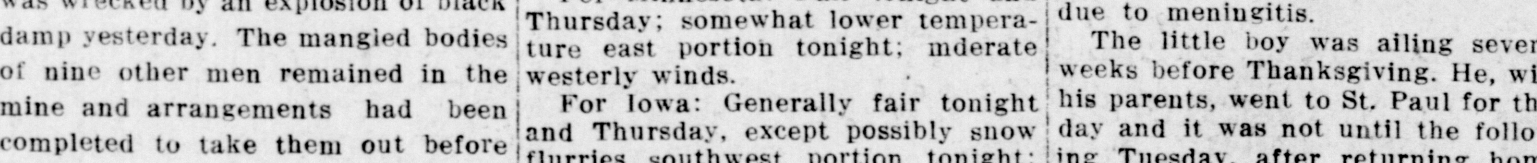
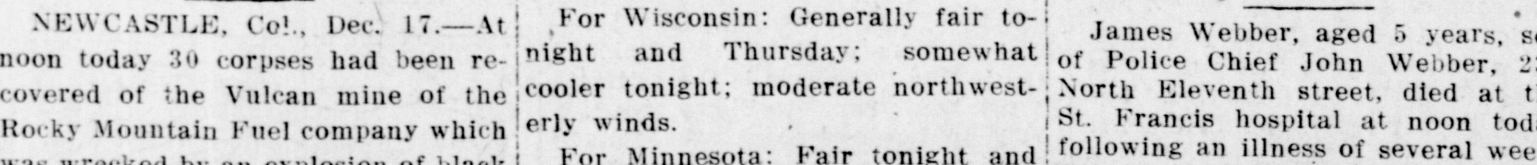
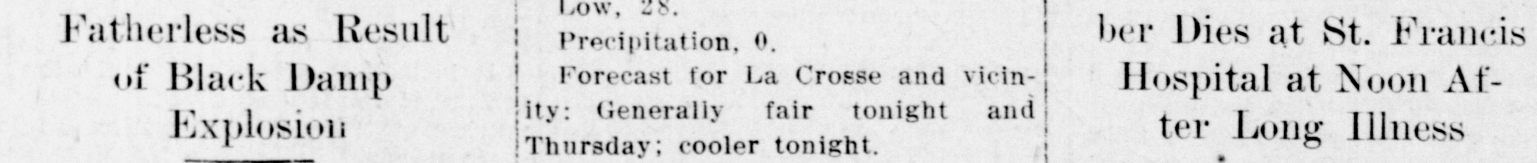
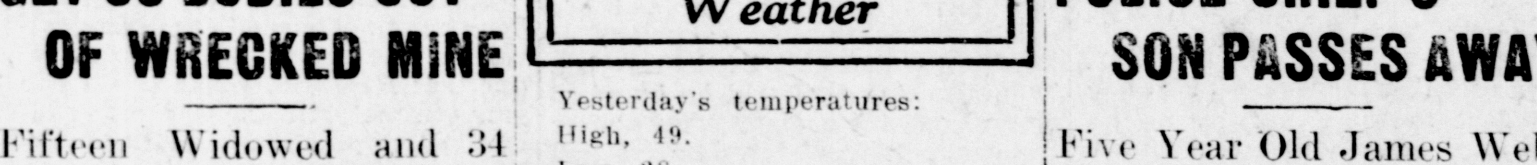
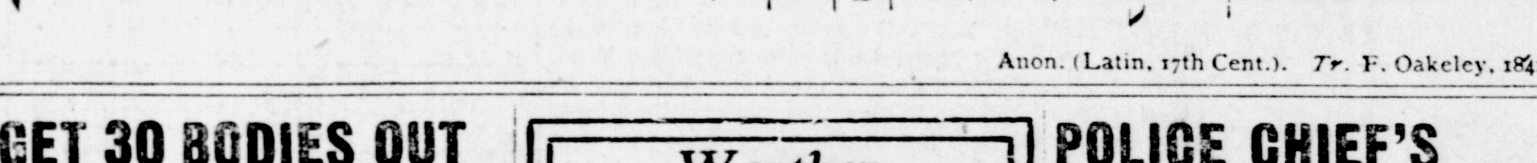
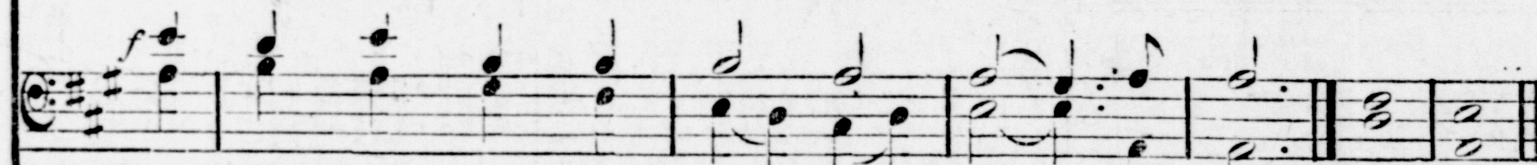
come ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and be-hold Him Born the King of
horns not the Vir-gin's womb; Ver-y God, Be-got-ten, not cre-
ci-ti-zens of heav'n-a-bove: Glo-ry to God In the
Thee be glo-ry giv'n: Word of the Fa-ther, Now in flesh ap-



Oh come, let us a-dore Him, Oh come, let us a-dore Him,
An-gels; at-ed; high-est; pear-ing;



Oh come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord. A-men.



TREE IS THIRTY FEET IN HEIGHT

Forrer and Ritter Return
from Successful Quest in
Evergreen Forests
Near Tomah

PLEASE NOTIFY MUSIC COMMITTEE

Societies and Clubs Re-
quested to Advise Com-
mittee of Aid to Help
Program Work

The return from Tomah of J. H.
Forrer, park commissioner, and
George Ritter, park foreman, with a
thirty-foot Christmas tree for the
municipal celebration, has added
zest to the work of the committees
and other participants. The men ar-
rived in La Crosse at 4 o'clock this
morning. They found the tree
about four miles from Tomah, and a
large flat car will be necessary to
bring it to this city.

Today The Tribune publishes
words and music of one of the six
Christmas carols selected by the
Music Study club. Words and music
of the remaining five carols will ap-
pear in The Tribune, one each day,
until all are published. Parents are
requested to clip out these songs so
that the children can practice them
at home, and especially learn the
words. It is hoped that they will be
played on the piano in the homes so
that the young people may become
as familiar with them as possible.

Committee Asks Co-operation
Mrs. Whelpley and Miss Hogan
make the following requests of those
who expect to participate; also the
accompanying announcements:

All organizations that intend
to take part will please notify
the committee. When this is
done their respective places in
the program will be announced
through the newspapers.

Rehearsal of various choir
members and all unattached
singers will be held at Congrega-
tional church at 8 o'clock Fri-
day night. All so interested are
urgently asked to join this re-
hearsal. It is expected the sepa-
rate singing societies will re-
hearse carols of their own se-
lection at this meeting.

Those who play wind instru-
ments are asked to come to this
rehearsal to help accompany the
chorus.

Ask All to Help

The music committee appreci-
ates the good will and cheer-
ful acquiescence of all who have
been asked to help, and as it
is impossible for the members to
come into personal contact with
every singer, choir or club,
they take this means of making
plain their desire that all who
are interested take part in
singing the carols.

The program as arranged is
merely to insure order in the
singing, specific time being al-
lotted to each group of singers
to avoid confusion.

Autos, Beware!

The general committee requests
automobile owners to avoid ap-
proaching Burns park as much as
possible during the exercises, be-
cause with the great throng of lit-
tle children there will be danger of
accidents, and because the noise of
the engines and horns would be con-
fusing to the little people.

Church Bells to Ring

It has been suggested that all the
church bells in the city be rung at
5 o'clock Christmas eve, at which
time the ceremony at the tree is
scheduled to begin.

BRITAIN MAY EXHIBIT

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The participa-
tion of Great Britain in the Panama
Pacific exposition at San Francisco
is being considered by the govern-
ment, says today's London Times,
and there is yet hope that this coun-
try may exhibit.

MENELIK DEAD AGAIN

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Confirmation
was lacking here today of the report-
ed death of King Menelik of Aby-
sinia. The African monarch is re-
ported dead annually.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE XMAS

The operation was made a week
ago today. The boy showed little
improvement and a sinking spell yester-
day resulted in the death today.
The funeral arrangements will be
announced later.

THOMAS BERGH BETTER

Thomas Bergh operated upon re-
cently for ulcer of the stomach, has
improved, it is said, and hopes are
now entertained for his recovery.



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STATE DEMOCRATS KICK TO WILSON

Reported Schmidt Faction Is Preparing Serious Protest on Disposition of Wisconsin Patronage

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—A concerted and serious protest to President Wilson over the way in which Wisconsin patronage is being distributed, was forecasted yesterday in a first page article in the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

The article declared that at a secret conference of state democrats, presided over by Samuel Randolph of Manitowish, it was determined to send a written protest to the president.

The president's method of making appointments, it is said, is displeasing to the faction of state democracy headed by A. J. Schmidt. The protest, it is said, will allege that Jos. E. Davies, commissioner of corporations, is being consulted regarding all appointments, that La Follette's opinions have been asked regarding several, but that the Schmidt followers who supported Wilson strongly during the campaign, have been ignored.

SPOTLIGHTS

"THE RED ROSE"

Tonight at the La Crosse Theater that most famous of musical comedies, "The Red Rose" with many of the original New York company, will be the attraction at this theater. It is many a long day since such a delightful play has come to town and the advance interest in the engagement has been remarkable. Of course the charming music provided by Robert Hood Bowers is a strong factor in the remarkable success of "The Red Rose," but fortunately Mr. Bowers' musical gems adorn a book that is more than ordinarily interesting. Harry B. and Robert B. Smith have devised many novel and immensely funny situations, and the story engages the attention from the rise of the first curtain to the fall of the last. Mr. John C. Fisher has furnished a thoroughly artistic and elaborate production and the costumes, recently imported from Paris, are the latest ideas from Rue de la Paix. The cast includes Lottie Kendall, Charlotte Gale, Sylvia Jason, Claudia Rogers, Al Rauh, Wayne Nunn, H. A. Barrows, George Williams, Earl McHaffie, Henri La Batiste and Maurice Darcy. There is, of course, a chorus of striking beauty to add to the joy of the occasion. Owing to the very elaborate nature of the production it should be observed that the curtain will rise promptly on time.

"OH! LOOK WHO'S HERE"

Hal Johnson, in "Oh! Look Who's Here," which opens an engagement at the Majestic next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is, without doubt, one of the most versatile comedians on the American stage. In this new musical play which Halton Powell, has provided to display his remarkable versatility, Johnson first appears as a dashing college youth, but later dons female attire and impersonates a gorgeously attired New York actress. As he enters in the stunning gown and large picture hat it is hard to believe that it is the same manly chap who made his exit but a moment before. His voice has changed, his walk, gestures, have undergone a complete metamorphosis, and his waist line has diminished to so great an extent as to cause wonderment. Almost immediately he leaps into a wonderful dance, so full of sneaky grace as to make the noted stars of terpsichore turn green with envy.

Mr. Johnson is supported by a very large and competent cast including Miss Alice B. Hamilton and Arthur Rowland. The scenic production is the heaviest ever used in a vaudeville production and will put to shame many of the largest New York attractions playing at the \$2.00 scale of prices. The chorus of really handsome young ladies is gowned in the very latest modish styles, and the music, under the able direction of Mr. Vernon Bestor, is of the tinkling, haunting kind that will be hummed and whistled for many weeks after the engagement of Mr. Johnson and his superior organization.

20,000 JOBLESS AT GOLDEN GATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—That there are 20,000 unemployed men in San Francisco is the estimate of the San Francisco News today.

Cheap bunk houses are jammed nightly and employment agencies report receiving from 150 to 200 applications for work every day. An epidemic of hold-ups is reported by the police, generally accompanied by sluggings.

The condition is generally attributed to the influx of workmen hoping to secure employment on the San Francisco exposition buildings and "hoboes" from the east seeking a milder climate.

CONFESSES MURDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Oscar Vogt, former Swiss soldier and pianist, is a prisoner in Bellevue hospital, having confessed to having killed and robbed Mrs. Agnes Guth in her home on December 3.

A man is known by his lawyer and a woman is known by her doctor. It wasn't meant for much of a letter if a postcard will serve as a substitute.

TILLMAN'S

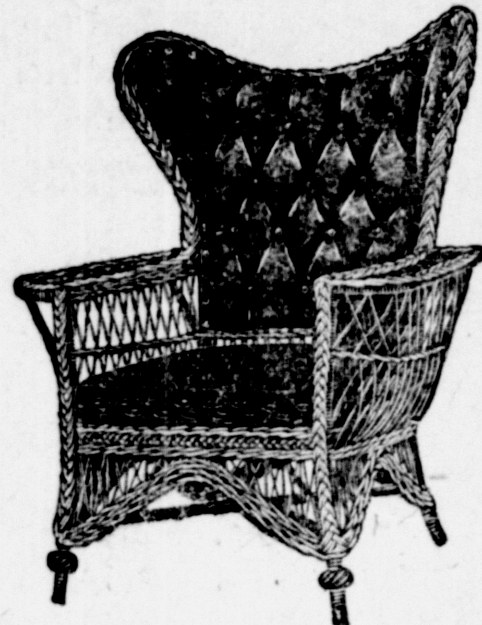
"The Complete Xmas Store"

Shop Early—the Store is Open at 8:00 A. M.

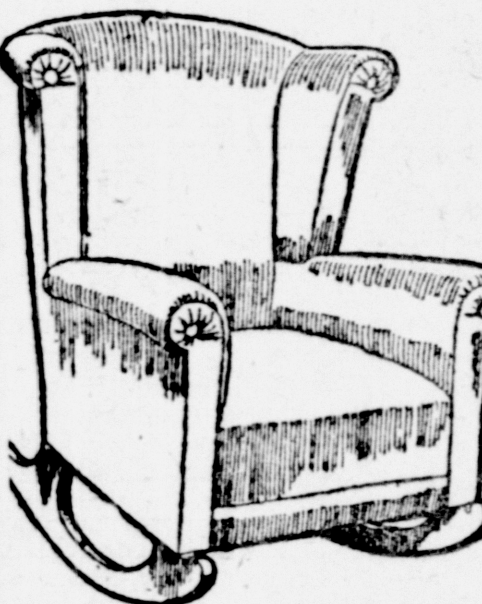
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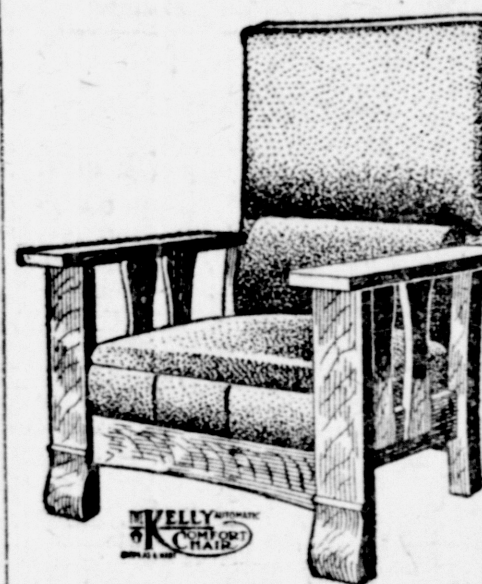
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PENN TO DROP CORNELL?

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 17.—Penn may not meet Cornell in football next season. It was reported today that Michigan, which has a two year contract with the Quakers is announced to play here on Thanksgiving day.

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THE TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

HIS MOUNTAIN PAL

By JUNE GAHAN

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"Letter for you this trip, Mister Hamilton. Smells sorter posylike, too."

"Throw it down," Barty returned, lazily. He was down at the water's edge, mending a break in his canoe. He thought Jerry was joking. There were never any letters for him, for Barty Hamilton, of Lower Black Eddy. He had lived there in the old red shack up above the ruins of the timber mill for five years now, and Jerry knew he had never even asked whether there was mail for him down at the country postoffice.

Yet here was a letter unmistakably addressed to Mr. Bartholomew Hamilton, and it was postmarked New York. Jerry knew every mark on the envelope after his six mile trip up to the Eddy, and still there was nothing to kindle romance or arouse suspicion about it, excepting the faint sweet fragrance that clung to its heavy cream paper.

Jerry let the reins hang loosely on the broncho's back, leaning forward, seemingly watching the flight of some crows high in the deep blue sky overhead. And all at once he had his reward, for he awaited a new sensation and it came.

Barty Hamilton tore open the envelope, took one glance at the double sheet with its few lines of engraving, and then began to "cuss," deeply and richly beneath his breath, and he crushed the cream white paper in his hand.

"Bad news, Barty?" asked Jerry in friendly fashion. Whereupon Barty rose to his full six foot one and insinuated pointedly that Jerry Millward was wandering from the route best adapted to a person of his character, and that his temperament required a warmer climate without a return ticket.

"By business is my own. I belong to myself. I let people alone, and I want them to do the same to me, understand? What time is the next train east?"

"Ain't no more out tonight. Last one left at 3:34."

Something in the genial, sympathetic tone of Jerry's voice struck the loneliness in Barty. He reached up his hand.

"You've been mighty decent to me since I landed here. I'm going back where I came from now. Take what you like up at the shack."

"It's a woman pulling you back, ain't it?" asked Jerry mildly. "Lord, I know the yank they can give. And it's all right, too. Going to marry her?"

"I was, some day."

"They ain't good waiters."

"I couldn't bring her up here, could I?" Barty reached out both arms to the splendid isolation of the mountains. "I hadn't lived right, Jerry. Too much crowded in between sunset and sunrise, and something snapped. I lost my grip and my faith in myself, in the man I wanted to be, understand?"

"There's a lot of them drift up here. It's the last shore," Jerry agreed meditatively. "But when there's a woman some place, even your mother, that thinks you're straight, it keeps you from going under. Even if you float up with the tide it ain't like going under, boy. You can float right out again."

"But," he held up the envelope grimly, "I've got her wedding cards."

"So you're going to the devil, ain't you? And right down yonder," Jerry pointed with his whip to the valley road he had just traveled. "Right down past the clump of red rocks, there's the sweetest, nicest little girl in the world waiting for you to wake up."

"You mean Miss Evans—Betty Evans?"

"You know darned well who I mean," flung back Jerry, as he started away. "And she's ten million times too good for you. That train east leaves about sunup, if you want to catch it."

But Barty did not start to pack immediately. He went up the timber trail toward the shack he had built for himself four years back. Every log in it he had laid himself, every rock in the huge fireplace he had carried there. There was the long shelf of books over the couch in the corner, with the wide eastern window where the sun wakened him daily. On the wall over the rude desk was her picture, Madge Jocelyn's.

He stared at it now, moodily. There was beauty in every line of it, in the fair, upcurling hair, the curved lips, the cool, interested gaze of the eyes. They were blue eyes, blue as ice.

He had not told Jerry all, not how she had sent him out to Colorado to put up his fight alone, with the half promise if he returned a victor she would wait for him. Now she sent him her wedding cards, and he had wanted to take the first train east and kill the man who had won her from him.

He turned away and looked out of the open window, down the long slope of the mountainside, there where the break in the timber showed the little white chimney of Betty Evans' house. Betty had always seemed as much a part of the general landscape as the birds or the flowers.

She had taught Thunder Creek school house for two terms now, riding the six miles down to the valley on her pony every day. He knew that she had taken up the claim her shack stood on. He knew that somewhere, back home in Kansas, she had a mother and father, and a lot of small sisters and brothers, and that

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MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—If the Northwestern railroad is sustained in its contention in the Supreme court as advanced in the appeal in the case of the Milwaukee Lake Ice & Cartage company the powers of the railroad commission will be greatly curtailed, according to Deputy Attorney General Walter Drew. The railroad commission cut the rate on ice from Spring Lake to Milwaukee a fraction of a cent. The Northwestern road appeals on the ground that the railroad commission has legal right to consider nothing except the evidence presented at the hearing. If the commission has any facts it would under this interpretation be compelled to submit all of the

facts at that time, so that the railroad could present evidence against them.

The claim is made by the attorney general's office that this interpretation would seriously handicap the railroad commission and put into evidence all of the material that the commission has spent years in collecting.

SHIP HURT IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Speeding toward Providence in a race with two other steamers, the Bay State line steamboat, Tennessee, bound from New York to Boston with 500 passengers, collided with the schooner Mattie Bassett and was so seriously damaged that she was forced to turn back, arriving at her pier here early today.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—

The Unwelcome Call of the Friendly Lion.



"It's rude of them," the lion growled.

DADDY laughed when Jack and Evelyn said that they wished that animals were all friendly like Sheep and Tabby.

"My dear children, no doubt the poor animals wish that human folks would be friendly instead of getting after them with guns and traps or trying to shut them up in cages," remarked daddy.

"So I'll just tell you the story of the friendly lion. He lived once upon a time in a great big jungle, and he was the biggest and finest lion for miles.

"Mr. Big Lion had never been close to the men folk, as the jungle folks called human beings. His jungle was on the edge of a big sandy desert, and sometimes when wandering about Mr. Big Lion had seen a company of men on camels hurrying over the sands. Mr. Big Lion thought this haste was scarcely civil to him. He spoke about it to the monkey in the palm tree. The monkey said it was very rude, and he supposed that the men folk did not know any better.

"Well, I know better," said Mr. Big Lion. "I will go and pay a visit to the men folk and tell them that we would like to be friendly with them. Then perhaps they may be more polite."

"Maybe," replied the monkey, "but between you and me I wouldn't try it."

"But Mr. Big Lion said that it was his duty. He had no doubt they would be glad to see him. So he went off across the desert to visit the men folk."

"By and by he came to one of their towns. It was morning, and people were just getting up. When they saw a big lion strolling along the streets the people dived into their houses and shut the doors tight.

"Presently he reached the king's palace, and the gate was slammed shut in his face. Then high up in a tower some men began shooting at him.

"Stop, stop," roared Mr. Big Lion; "I've come to call on your king!" And the king, who heard him roaring, crawled under the throne and wrapped his purple velvet and ermine robe around his head to shut out the noise.

"Well, the men went on shooting, and some of them could shoot quite well. One shot carried off a whisker and another a bit of Mr. Big Lion's handsome mane, of which he was very proud.

"It's very stupid and rude of them!" the lion growled. "But I don't care. I've done my best to be friendly. I'm going off home again." And to show he bore them no ill will Mr. Big Lion carried off one of their biggest and fattest sheep which was grazing just outside the gate, and it made a very good luncheon, indeed.

"But he never tried to be friendly with the men folk again, and perhaps the men folk were just as well satisfied that he didn't."

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APPLIED EUGENICSThe eugenic marriage law is
founded upon a correct principle. In-
deed, while breeders of cattle have
planned through selection and elimi-
nation to work out the "survival of
the fittest" in their live stock (and
have succeeded), the lessons of
heredity have not induced society to
take more than the most prelimi-
nary steps to better the human
breed. While science and religion
have come close to an agreement
upon evolution—so close that neither
will dispute the merit of "born-
ing better babies"—the new eugenic
law are the first steps which organi-
zation society has taken to secure bet-
ter breeding.While the principle is good, how-
ever, there are presented sound ob-
jections to the law. They relate to
its practicability. For one thing,
the fee is so small that the busy
physician cannot afford, at that
price, to give his time to genuine
examinations, and as he is not a
quack, he will not certify as fact that
which he does not know to a cer-
tainly. It should be explained that
as to some diseases there is no in-
fallible test, no test that can be ab-
solutely relied upon to react upon
one single trial. And in cases where
certainty can be assured, the process
of examination and analysis require
thorough-going attention which the
busy legitimate practitioner cannot
be expected to give for the legal
fee.Plainly, these conditions mean
that the examinations under the
eugenic law will tend to drift into
the hands of the less conscientious
and the unethical practitioner who
is willing to certify his opinion stat-
ed as a fact, and who will secure his
fee with as little expenditure of time
and effort as possible.However, one thing the law, even
as it stands, will do. In most cases
it will bar the marriage of men so
acutely afflicted that their unfitness
is apparent to the schooled eye of
the physician without extended ex-
amination. In doing even this much,
the law may justify itself, and pos-
sibly may thank us for an improve-
ment in the species.This, of course, does not touch
the question of to what extent, by
barring certain infatuated people
from the protection of wedlock, the
law may encourage illicit relations
which inflict upon certain children
illegitimacy as well as physical af-
fliction. No doubt the remedy for
this will be institutional, and even-
tually society must solve it.It is possible that were the coun-
ty physician made the official exam-iner, with commensurate pay, a par-
tial solution would be reached. The
objection to confining the authority
to one man is offset by the fact that
an appeal to the state board of
health, and thence to the courts is
provided by the law.CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
IN HOME AND PUBLIC"We remember the Christmas
celebrations of years and years ago.
We remember the joy of hopping out
of bed early Christmas morning to
discover what Santa Claus had left
during the night. Daylight brought
joy of comparisons and enumerations
of gifts, followed by the bountiful
Christmas feast, not the least value
of which was its function as a family
gathering.""But we are of the opinion that
the old fashioned Christmas celebra-
tion which was made a feature of
the life in every home was a leaven-
ing force for good in the family, and
that it must not be allowed to pass,
community Christmas or no com-
munity Christmas.""But if the community Christmas
will take away from the home family
Christmas, let's choose for the lat-
ter."—The Sentinel.Does not the Sentinel's recollection
fail, in part? In remembering the
joy and surprise of the old-time
Christmas in the home, does it not
overlook the gathering of all the
people at the tree in the village
church? the serenading parties
tramping through the snow and sing-
ing Christmas carols in the streets
and from house to house?In those same "good old days" of
the ideal home Christmas there was
the spirit of the community Christ-
mas which we seek to restore. Much
of the best of both phases of the
holiday has been gradually lost, and
in reviving the public-spirited Christ-
mas we may reawaken the people to
the old home ideals of commemorat-
ing the Sacred Birth. That which re-
stores any phase of the old-time
Christmas spirit cannot fail to help
its other phases. That is patent to
all who understand that the true
Christmas is not a mere program,
but is an inward emotion of which
all manners of observance are the
outward expressions.CHRISTMAS AT
THE Y. W. C. A.Among the evidences of sensible
Christmas giving will be that by
which appreciative citizens add to the
necessities and comforts of the Y.
W. C. A. Last year much that was
urgently needed was provided, and
that additional requirements will be
met this year is certain.This home for young women, with
its purity of inspiration, its avenue
for the association of young women
away from home in a close approxi-
mation of the real home atmosphere,
its facilities for physical, mental and
spiritual improvement, is one of the
most important of La Crosse institu-
tions. It is a fine thing to have as-
sisted it, and no citizen can receive
a better Christmas gift than the con-
sciousness of having helped.The association is to be congratu-
lated upon having secured the ser-
vices of a competent secretary, and
already the kindly smile of Miss
Marie Lindgren has won her place
with the young women. The exuber-
ance of perfect health, with the
cheerfulness it radiates, exerts a
splendid influence, and she will be
rated as the best of the home's 1913
Christmas gifts.TOO BAD HE PUT A
PRICE ON THEFTHad not Leonard, the Italian who
"got away with" the clever job of
stealing the Mona Lisa, attached a
price to his offer to have the pic-
ture retained in Italy, we would
sympathize with his alleged motive
for the theft—to restore to his na-
tive country one of its most famous
works of art. Had his patriotism
been unalloyed with the mercenary,
we should grieve to see him jailed.
But the price he fixed questions the
sincerity of his protestations, and
aside from thanking him for the
many good stories he furnished the
newspapers, we have no consolation
to offer him.Governor Tener is probably worth
the \$25,000 a year he will get as
president of the National league, but
a good many people will not believe
it unless he improves the quality of
the peanuts sold in the bleachers.Senator Root has been awarded
the Nobel peace prize for 1912. That
was the year in which he served as
chairman of the Republican conven-
tion in Chicago.New York alone has mailed \$5-
409,000 to Europe as Christmas
gifts. It's a good thing Christmas
comes but once a year.As a tourist attraction, the sad
sweet, inscrutable smile of Mona
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Thing's all right
For a while.
He's for clubs.
She's for style.
Chorus girl
Soon he sees.
Sends her flowers
Just to please.
Wife finds out.
Doesn't care.
Goes abroad
Everywhere.
Lawyer starts
Then, of course,
Wife's suit
For divorce.
Husband fails
to appear
In the court
Or come near.
Get divorce
Without a flaw;
They both yell
"Hip Hurrah!"
Alimony
Paid each week.
Now they're friends.
So they speak.

Getting Acclimatized

Old man Hardnut made his home
in Havana after living many unre-
generative years in the North.
"What ever brought him to Hav-
ana?" was the natural query.
"Dumbino," chuckled the chap who
knew of his past performances. "Un-
less he realizes the sands are run-
ning out and wants to get acclimat-
ed."—From the Times of Cuba.

Something of Importance

Miss Wilkins, the primary teach-
er, was instructing her small charges.
"Name one thing of importance
that did not exist a hundred years
ago," said the teacher.
Ralph Franklin, an only child, who
was seated in the front row, prompt-
ly arose and answered: "Me."—Har-
per's Magazine.Husband and Wife Both
Saved From SufferingI wish to tell you the good results
myself and husband received from
Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. About
eleven years ago I had a severe at-
tack of La Grippe and was confined
to my bed about eight weeks under
the doctor's care. He pronounced my
case kidney trouble and rheumatism
and not receiving the results from
the doctor's treatment I should have
received. I decided to try Swamp-Root.
After taking several bottles of
Swamp-Root I was able to get up and
attend to my work. About a year later
my husband was affected with a
severe attack of kidney trouble
and doctored for some time
with doctors and received no
benefit. Knowing of the good
I had received, he decided to
try Swamp-Root. His condition was
such that he was confined to his bed
and words cannot tell how he suf-
fered, but after taking Swamp-Root
he was relieved so he could go on
with his work without pain. I wish
to heartily recommend Swamp-Root
to all persons afflicted with kidney
and bladder troubles and you may
publish this letter if you wish.
Yours truly,
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tional
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thread of the poet's eulogy in the
golden fabric of my resurrected
dream, it came to me to compare
that maid I knew in the long ago
with the women I know today. Ah,
gentlemen! Lips, made but for smil-
ing fling weighty arguments on the
unoffending atmosphere. Eyes, made
to light with that light that never
was by land or sea, blaze instead
with what they call the injustice of
woman's servitude. White hands,
made to find their way to the hands
of some young man in the moon-
light, carry banners in the dusty
streets. It seemed I saw the blue
eyes of that girl of long ago turned,
and, rebuking, on her sisters of to-
day. As I finished reading my heart
was awestruck. I said to the young men
before me:
There was a woman, gentlemen
—a woman worth a million suffra-
gettes."
"They applauded. The fire in me
died down. Soon I was my old meek,
academic self. The vision had left
no trace. I dismissed the class and
went home. I found that my wife—
she of the black hair—had left my
slippers by the library fire. I put
them on, and plunged into a pam-
phlet lately published by a distin-
guished member of a German univer-
sity faculty. I thought the incident
closed forever."
He gazed sorrowfully at the two
young men.
"But, gentlemen, I had not count-
ed on that viper that we nourish in
our bosom—the American newspa-
per. At present I will not take time
to denounce the press. I am prepar-
ing an article on the subject for a
respectable weekly of select circula-
tion. Suffice it to record what hap-
pened. The next day an evening pa-
per appeared with a huge picture of
me on its front page, and the hide-
ous statement that this was the Pro-
fessor Bolton who had said that 'One
Peroxide Blonde Is Worth a Million
Suffragettes.'"
"Yes, that was the dreadful ver-
sion of my remark that was spread
broadcast. Up to the time the story
appeared, I had no idea as to what
sort of creature the peroxide blonde
might be. I protested, of course. I
might as well have tried to dam a
tidal wave with a table fork. The
wrath of the world swept down upon
me. I was deluged with telegrams,
editorials, letters, denouncing me.
Firm faced females lay in wait for
me and waved umbrellas in my eyes.
Even my wife turned from me, say-
ing that while she did not ask me to
hold her views on the question of
suffrage, she thought I might at
least refrain from publicly com-
mending a type of woman found
chiefly in musical comedy choruses.
I received a note from the president
of the university, asking me to be
more circumspect in my remarks.
Me, Thaddeus Bolton, the most con-
servative man on earth by instinct!
"And still the denunciations of
me poured in, still women's clubs
held meetings resolving against me,
still a steady stream of reporters
flowed through my life, urging me
to state my views further, to name
the ten greatest blondes in history,
to heaven knows what. Yesterday
I resolved I could stand it no longer.
I determined to go away until the
whole thing was forgotten. But,"
they said to me, "there is no place,
on land or sea, where the reporters
will not find you." I talked the mat-
ter over with my old friend, John
Bentley, owner of Baldpate Inn, and
he in his kindness gave me the key
to this hostility."
The old man paused and passed
a silk handkerchief over his bald
head.
"That, girls," he said, "is my
story. That is why you see me on
Baldpate Mountain this chill De-
cember morning. That is why lone-
liness can have no terrors, exile no
sorrows, for me. That is why I brave-
ly faced your revolver shots. Again
let me repeat, I bear no malice on
that score. You have ruined a no-
dus hat, and the honorarium of
professors even at a leading univer-
sity is not such as to permit of many
purchases in that line. But I forgive
you freely. Even at the cannon's
mouth I would have fled from rep-
utation, to paraphrase the poet."
Wisely Professor Bolton blinked
about him. Mr. Bland was half
asleep in his chair, but Mr. Magee
was quick with sympathy.
"Professor," he said, "you are a
much suffering man. I feel for you.
Here, I am sure, you are safe from
reporters, and the yellow journals
will soon forget you in their discov-
ery of the next distorted wonder.
Briefly, Mr. Bland and myself will
outline the tangle of events that
brought us to the inn."
"Briefly is right," broke in Mr.
Bland. "And then it's me for that
mountainous mattress of mine. I can
rattle my story off in short order,
and give you the fine points tomor-
row. Up to a short time ago—"
But Billy Magee interrupted. An
idea, magnificent, delicious, mirth-
ful, had come to him. Why not? He
chuckled inwardly, but his face was
most serious.
"I should like to tell my story
first, if you please," he said.
The haberdasher grunted. The
professor nodded. Mr. Magee looked
Bland squarely in the eyes, strug-
gled the laugh inside him, and be-
gan:
"Up to a short time ago I was a
haberdasher in the city of Reuton.
My name, let me state, is Magee—
William Magee. I fitted the gay
shoulder-blades of Reuton with

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clothing from the back pages of the
magazines, and as for neckties—"Mr. Bland's sly eyes had opened
wide. He rose to a majestic height
—majestic considering the bed
quilt."See here—" he began.
"Please don't interrupt," request-
ed Mr. Magee sweetly. "I was as I
have said, a happy carefree haberd-
dasher. And then—she entered my
life. Arabella was her name. Ah,
Professor, your lady of the yellow
locks, crisped like golden wire—
even she must never in my presence
be compared with Arabella. She—
she had—a face—Noah Webster
couldn't have found words to de-
scribe it. And her heart was true to
yours truly—at least I thought that
it was."Mr. Magee rattled on. The haberd-
dasher, his calling and his tragedy
snatched from him by the humorous
Magee, retired with sullen face into
his bed quilt. Carefully Mr. Magee
led up to the coming of the man
from Jersey City; in detail he laid
out the duel of haberdashery
fought in the name of the fair Ara-
bella. As he proceeded, his enthu-
siasm grew. He added fine bits that
had escaped Mr. Bland. He painted
with free hand the picture of trag-
edy's dark hour: the note hinting
at suicide he gave in full. Then he
told of how his courage grew again,
of how he put cowardice to death,
behind him, resolved to dare all—
and live. He finished at last, his
voice husky with emotion. Out of
the corner of his eye he glanced tri-
umphantly at Bland. That gentle-
man was gazing thoughtfully at the
blazing logs.

(To be Continued)

CAR KILLS BADGER

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A. Morrell,
cattle buyer of Stevens Point, Wis.,
was run down by a State street car
yesterday afternoon, his skull frac-
tured and he was taken to a hospital
in a dying condition.

Gee! What a Tough World

(Copyright, 1913, by the Star Co.)
If a man gives to charity he is do-
ing it merely for show.
If he holds fast to his purse he is a
tight-wad.If he gives his family a long vaca-
tion he does it to get rid of his wife
and "cut up" a bit.
If he doesn't give his family a vaca-
tion he has no consideration at all.If he dies young they say it was
probably for the best, as he wouldn't
have amounted to anything.
If he lives to be very old they say
he was old enough to die, as he never
amounted to much.If he is a politician he is a craftier.
If he takes no interest in politics
he lacks public spirit.If he works actively for the church
he is a hypocrite.
If he never goes to church he is on
the road to perdition.If he is poor it is because he had
no brains.
If he is rich it is because he was
a crook.If he has a lot of children he is in-
considerate of his wife.
If he has no children he has no
sense of man's duty to posterity.If he takes a drink now and then
he is a horrible example.
If he never takes a drink he is a
crank.If he grows a beard he is old-fash-
ioned.
If he goes smooth-shaven, people
wonder why he doesn't grow whisk-
ers and hide as much of his face as
possible.

If he doesn't own an automobile

his friends says he is terribly poor.
If he owns an automobile his
friends say he is heels-over head in
debt.If he forgives his erring wife men
say he is a fool.
If he refuses to forgive her women
say he is a brute!If he—Gee! ain't this a tough old
world?

Learning to Be Honest

Lemmy Williams, a little colored
boy, was caught in several petty delin-
quency and was at last sentenced
to a short term in the reform school,
where he was taught a trade.Shortly after his return home he
met a prominent woman, who asked:
"Well, Lemmy, what did they put
you at in prison?"
"They started in to make an hones'
boy out'n me, ma'am," was the re-
ply."That's good," replied the wom-
an, approvingly. "I hope they suc-
ceeded, Lemmy."
"Deed did, deedy, Ma'am."
"And how did they teach you to
be honest?" queried the woman.
"Why, dey done put me in de
shoe shop, ma'am," explained the
boy, "nailin' pasteboard outer shoes
fo' soles, ma'am.""So you want to be a baseball ump-
ire, eh?" said the magnate. "Are
you prepared to give up all your
friends?" "I never had any," replied
the applicant. "I used to be a weath-
er man."

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North Side

MILD WEATHER IS HARD FOR CREWS

Lack of Cold and Snow
Puts Many Railroaders
Out of Usual
Work

The unusual weather that is springing new surprises every day, making alterations necessary in all sorts of industries is favoring the railroad companies, and causing hardships among employees.

Numbers of men, working on the Burlington and Milwaukee railroads on the north side are idle as the result of the mild weather.

On both these roads, smaller number of trains are being run daily than at a corresponding time for a number of years. It is customary that business slackens on all railroads, in the freight traffic, at this season, but it is usually the custom that the number of trains double.

Where trains of from sixty to ninety cars can run with a single engine now, other years when there has been ice and snow, the cars would become frozen and would have to be split into two or three trains, with extra engines. This always necessitates more crews and trainmen.

In this way, in former seasons, railroad men were not compelled to lay off from their work, as the splitting up of the trains gave them all work, and the poor business was generally balanced with the increased number of trains.

Railroad officials on the La Crosse division of the C. M. & St. P. railroad fear a sudden cold snap, as they are of the opinion that the road is not prepared for it, and it would cause marked delays.

AVERAGES 200 FOR NIGHT S BOWLING

The Eagles took three straight from the Nelsons in the games rolled last night at the Voves' alleys. Schneberger of the Eagles was high man, with a score of 227. He also had an average of 200 for the three games.

Following are the scores:

Nelsons—		
Paulson	150	64
Wiskerchen	179	176
Hansen	115	154
Hansen	137	134
Spoonick	140	184
Poehling	180	171
Totals	721	838

Eagles—		
Hayes	133	189
Ritter	170	207
Voves	149	182
Roth	154	125
Schneberger	168	204
Totals	774	907

CHOOSE HEADS OF SAFETY COMMITTEE

A notice has been posted in the north side office of the Milwaukee railroad that terms of officers of the Safety First committee of the road will expire December 31, when an election of officers will be held. Every craft on the road has a committee and all workers in their respective crafts are requested to vote for officers. The votes are sent in through mail.

GITTENS FUNERAL TO BE TOMORROW

Funeral services for John Gittens, who died at his home, 219 Caledonia street yesterday morning, will be held at 8:15 tomorrow morning from St. James church. Rev. Father Ambrose Murphy, pastor of the church, will officiate.

GETS CONTINUANCE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—A discontinuance until January 16 was granted by Judge Page today in the case of John Falbe, charged with bribery in connection with the administration of the affairs of the Milwaukee county insane hospital. Attorney Bender for the defense alleged that the district attorney had refused to permit him to examine the county's books while preparing Mr. Falbe's defense.

HELD FOR ABDUCTION
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Dr. Geoffrey Westropp MacDougall, claiming to be the son of a former governor of Manitoba, Canada, is held here in \$2,000 bonds on a charge of abduction. E. E. Earnshaw claims MacDougall ran away with his daughter December 7 when he was refused permission to marry her, and has lived with her since.

SUMMONS.
State of Wisconsin, County of La Crosse—In Circuit Court.
Oscar Torkelson, Plaintiff, vs. Albert Torkelson, Defendant.
The State of Wisconsin—To the Said Defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and defend above entitled action in the Court aforesaid; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, of which a copy is herewith served upon you.

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This season's eruption of dramatic hot stuff from low life convinced Mme. Kalich that the day for the return of romance is at hand. She reasons that things go in cycles on the stage as elsewhere, and that the gutter realism of recent plays was merely the last flare of the candle of dramatic realism before it died. Acting on that belief she has produced "Rachel."

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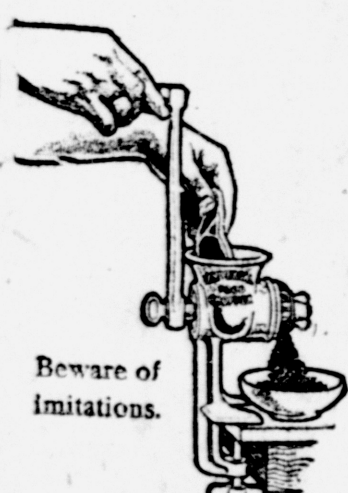
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Personals

W. Van Meter is a visitor at one of the local hotels for a few days from New Richmond.

G. Klein, Canby, Minn., returned to his home this morning after a visit in the city of the last several days.

B. A. Yoomen dancing Tuesday.

A. Abramson, Rushford, spent yesterday on a business mission in the city.

Art leather for Christmas work, Langdon Shoe Repair Shop, 429 Jay.

Andrew Halverson was a business visitor in the city from Rushford yesterday morning, returning to his home in the afternoon.

If you want a carriage get the Gateway City Trfr. Co. Phone 179.

William Wohlers and wife were here visiting friends and transacting business yesterday, returning this morning to their home in Reno, Minn.

When buying your Christmas presents, don't forget the Leona garment.

Nels Larson came to the city on business from Spring Grove yesterday.

Gross the Cycloman has the right bicycle for your boy for Xmas.

Frank Kittner, Kansasville, Wis., returned to his home this morning after a visit in the city of the past several days.

Drummond makes a specialty of fine watch repairing, 522 State St.

C. J. Nelson was a visitor at one of the local hotels from Caledonia yesterday afternoon.

Lars O. Valler, Reeder, N. D., passed through the city yesterday, spending a few hours here visiting friends and relatives and transacting business.

Many things in dainty, useful and unique Christmas presents at Huntton Co.

George Nygard, Chaseburg, Wis., is a guest at one of the local hotels for a few days while transacting business in the vicinity of the city.

P. B. Qualey, Caledonia, Minn., returned to his home this morning after spending the day here on business yesterday.

Moccasins for Christmas gifts, Langdon Shoe Repair Shop, 429 Jay.

H. O. Olson, Eau Claire, Wis., is the guest of friends and relatives here while on business in the city.

A. G. Gerling, New Albin, Iowa, is spending a few days at a local hotel on business.

C. J. Ross has left for Milwaukee.

AROUND MARKET SQUARE

R. Hoag, French Island, drove to the city yesterday morning, disposing of a load of straw at the market, returning to his home in the afternoon.

J. Horrihan, Hokah road, sold a load of baled hay at the market yesterday.

The Atkinson Brothers, La Crescent, disposed of a load of hay at the market.

William Beranek, Stoddard road, drove to the city yesterday with a load of hay.

C. Plenze, State Road, Coulee, came to the market yesterday with a load of hay.

E. G. Boynton, La Crescent, disposed of a load of hay at the market square yesterday, transacting business in the city for a few hours and returned home.

A. Archibald, Hokah road, sold a large wagon load of hay on the market yesterday.

WOOD SELLERS

The following brought loads of wood to Market square yesterday, disposing of them: A. and C. Golltick, Smith's Coulee; F. Neuman, Stoddard; F. Eggli, South Ridge, Minn.; G. Hike, Mormon Coulee; U. Kiel, Smith Coulee; William Ender, South Ridge, Minn.; W. Ruderson, Pine Creek, Minn.; A. Burger, Smith Coulee; G. Lensen, Chipmunk Ridge; H. Werner, Chipmunk Coulee; P. Gerke, St. Joseph's Ridge; M. Drummond, Stoddard; G. Benson, Bostwick Valley; J. Knobloch, Shelby.

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ITALIANS RELEASE
U. S. GIRL "SPY"

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Italian government today assured Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page that its suspicions against Miss Dorothy MacVane, formerly of Cambridge, Mass., groundless and that its surveillance of the opera prima donna would end immediately. Miss MacVane, because she looked at Italian fortifications and received letters from a naval officer and a diplomat, was suspected of being a spy. Her sister, Miss Edith MacVane, complained to Ambassador Page.

Make Illness Cheaper
"Optimists are right, provided they are not unreasoning and excessive," said a fusion leader at a fusion luncheon in New York.

"The optimism of our opponents," he went on, "reminds me of Smith. A druggist said to Smith one night at the lodge:

"There's a movement on foot to make drugs cheaper."

"Good!" said Smith. "Good! That will bring sickness within the reach of all!"

Remember that silent scorn might be of the other kind and be thankful.

BRICKLEY MEETS OPPOSITION

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—The election of a captain for the Harvard football team of 1914 will be held tomorrow afternoon. Brickley's friends profess some doubt of his election, due to the recent campaigning for Hardwick and Trumbull.

Bad Blood

is a poisonous and dangerous thing. It affects every organ and function and brings about that low condition that predisposes to most diseases and ailments. **HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA** corrects it, and makes pure blood.

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"Between Home and Country"
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"Through the Neighbor's Window"

Fine American. How the gossips spoiled a woman's vacation.

"The Shoemaker's Doll"

Majestic. A picture all mothers will enjoy.

TODAY and THURSDAY

TO SELECT EXPO
PLANS DEC. 27

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—D. E. Bowe of Mellen, Wis., secretary of the Wisconsin Panama-Pacific exposition committee, here today, set December 27 as the date on which plans for the Wisconsin building at the exposition at San Francisco will be selected. A number of architects throughout the state have submitted designs for the building. Plans will be accepted up to December 23.

KILLS SELF WHEN
DENIED DRINK COIN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—Because his wife refused him money for drink, William Riese, 50 years old, living at 1150 Twenty-ninth avenue, retired to his room Monday afternoon and after barricading the door of his bedroom with the bed, hanged himself from the bed post with a clothesline.

EMPLOYERS MULCT
MEN FOR INSURANCE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Complaints that a few employers are assessing the wages of workmen in order to create a fund to pay for insurance under the workmen's compensation act are receiving the attention of the industrial commission. The alleged practice is contrary to law.

U. S. DICKERS FOR
INDIAN RESERVATION

CRANDON, Wis., Dec. 17.—Messrs. Hines and Bennett, government Indian agents, have been in communication with the Keith & Hines Lumber company of Crandon regarding the purchase of 2,500 acres of cut over lands just east of the city upon which to locate remnants of the tribes of Pottawatomie Indians, now scattered over Wisconsin and Michigan.

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BRIDAL SHOWER
Miss Mabel Rodemeyer gave a shower Thursday evening at her home in honor of Miss Belle Martell, who is to be a January bride. The bride-elect was presented with a beautiful comforter.

The evening was pleasantly passed by singing and other amusements until a late hour, when a very delightful luncheon was served.

The invited guests were the Misses Belle Martelle, Harriet Chamberlain, Jessie Hilton, Hazel Martelle, Mary Morris, Emma Mayer, Elsie Halverson, Martha Pervisky, Kate Graham, Anna Ott, Mary Pervisky, Julia Hoch, Alla Phelps, Kuni Foster and Mrs. Shuelke.

LUNCHEON
Mrs. Frank Davis entertained a dozen ladies yesterday at an informal luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Lester of Fairmont, Minn.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. Robert Hixon, son of the late Mrs. G. C. Hixon, is receiving congratulations upon his engagement to Miss Marguerite Streen of Kansas City.

BRIDGE CLUB
Mrs. J. E. Funke entertained one of the bridge clubs at her home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. George Gordon and Mrs. C. W. Lewis took the prizes.

DINNER
Mrs. W. A. Thompson entertained at a small dinner party last evening, it being the joint birthday of Mrs. W. E. Sawyer and her husband, Capt. W. A. Thompson.

SURPRISE
The Sunday school class of Mr. Paul T. Schultze surprised two of the members, Miss Pauline and Miss Marie Keim, last evening at their home, 1592 Travis street. The guests were the Misses Martha Buchs, Helen May, Mary Miller, Edna Witt, Lillian Leaser and Martha Zenker.

F. R. A. CARD PARTY
The F. R. A. will give the fourth of the series of card parties for lady members and invited friends at Liner hall tomorrow afternoon.

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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." It has signature of E. W. GROVE on box. 25c.

OSHKOSH TO HAVE
XMAS TENNIS MEET

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 17.—The Oshkosh Tennis club has arranged for a winter tournament to take place between Christmas and New Year's. It will be played on what is known as the Paine courts. It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the state that a tennis tournament has been called in midwinter. Players from various parts of the state will be invited to participate.

NOTICE
Camp Olympia No. 42 United Order of Foresters, Sisters and Brothers, you are hereby notified to meet at our hall at 8 o'clock Thursday morning to attend the funeral of our Brother John McGettigan.

R. ROEDER, Chief Ranger.

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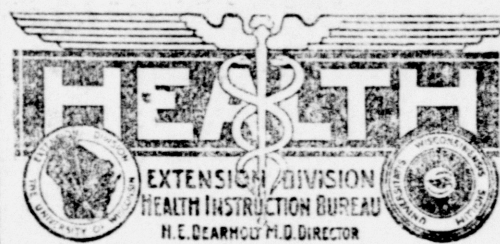
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WHAT ARE ANTI-TOXINS?

An opium fiend may take almost without noticeable effect an amount of the drug sufficient to kill a dozen beginners. Everyone has noticed how the immediate evil effects of tobacco are overcome by persistence. Disease germs produce poisons, called "toxins." Toxins and not the germs themselves are responsible for disease.

That the poisoning is not fatal, in each case of germ disease is due to the resistance of the individual. Resistance is built up by small doses of these toxins. People resist disease when the defenses are erected more rapidly than invasion takes place. They succumb when the invasion is more rapid than the defense.

Disease germs excite the formation of so-called "anti-toxins." The anti-toxin kills the germs. The process is perfectly definite in the case of some germs. Like electricity, the resistance and strength of anti-toxins can be measured, even though the real force has not been seen by the eye.

A great triumph was scored when it was discovered that the process of manufacturing anti-toxins could be run through the body of a lower animal, and a serum be secured which cures and prevents invasion much more rapidly and certainly than "home made" anti-toxin. The anti-toxin of diphtheria has been the most satisfactory one discovered. The process of manufacture is interesting.

Horses are most commonly used. A small dose of the poison of the diphtheria germ is injected into the horse, which may become quite ill. As it recovers from the first effects, larger and larger doses are given. Finally the horse is able to tolerate enormous doses with no ill effects whatever. Its blood is then decidedly anti-toxic. From it, the serum containing the anti-toxin is extracted.

Treatment of diphtheria by anti-toxin has reduced deaths by over one half. It is an almost absolute preventive when injected into persons exposed to the disease.

MILWAUKEE HIRES
\$10,000 ENGINEER

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 17.—T. C. Hutton of Wilmington, Del., was appointed chief engineer by the sewerage commission at a meeting Tuesday afternoon, his salary to be \$10,000 per annum for the first two years and \$12,000 per annum thereafter. The work of the commission will be the construction of a new sewage system and the erection of a disposal plant, the plan being to prevent the flow of raw sewage into the lake, from which the city's water supply is drawn.

TO PICK BADGER
RHODES SCHOLAR

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—Wisconsin's latest representative in the English university life will be selected on December 20, when the Rhodes scholarship committee will meet in Madison. Three men have been declared eligible. The personnel of the Wisconsin committee consists of Presidents C. R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, E. D. Eaton of Beloit college, Silas Evans of Ripon college, Samuel Plantz of Lawrence college and W. C. Daland of Milton college.

PANKHURST OUT AGAIN

RELEASED FROM HOLLOWAY
JAIL FOR SIXTH TIME AFTER
HUNGER STRIKE SHE
WILL GO TO SWITZERLAND

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, enfeebled from her latest hunger and thirst strike, today was released from Holloway jail on a "cat and mouse" license, for the sixth time since she was sentenced on April 3 last for inciting the bomb attack on the country home of Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George. Mrs. Pankhurst has actually served twenty-five days of her three year sentence, though 257 days have elapsed.

Finding that the British authorities will let her leave England without molestation, but arrest her when she comes back, Mrs. Pankhurst will go to Switzerland within a few days to recuperate.

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Tea and Sulphur

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wye's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wye's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger.

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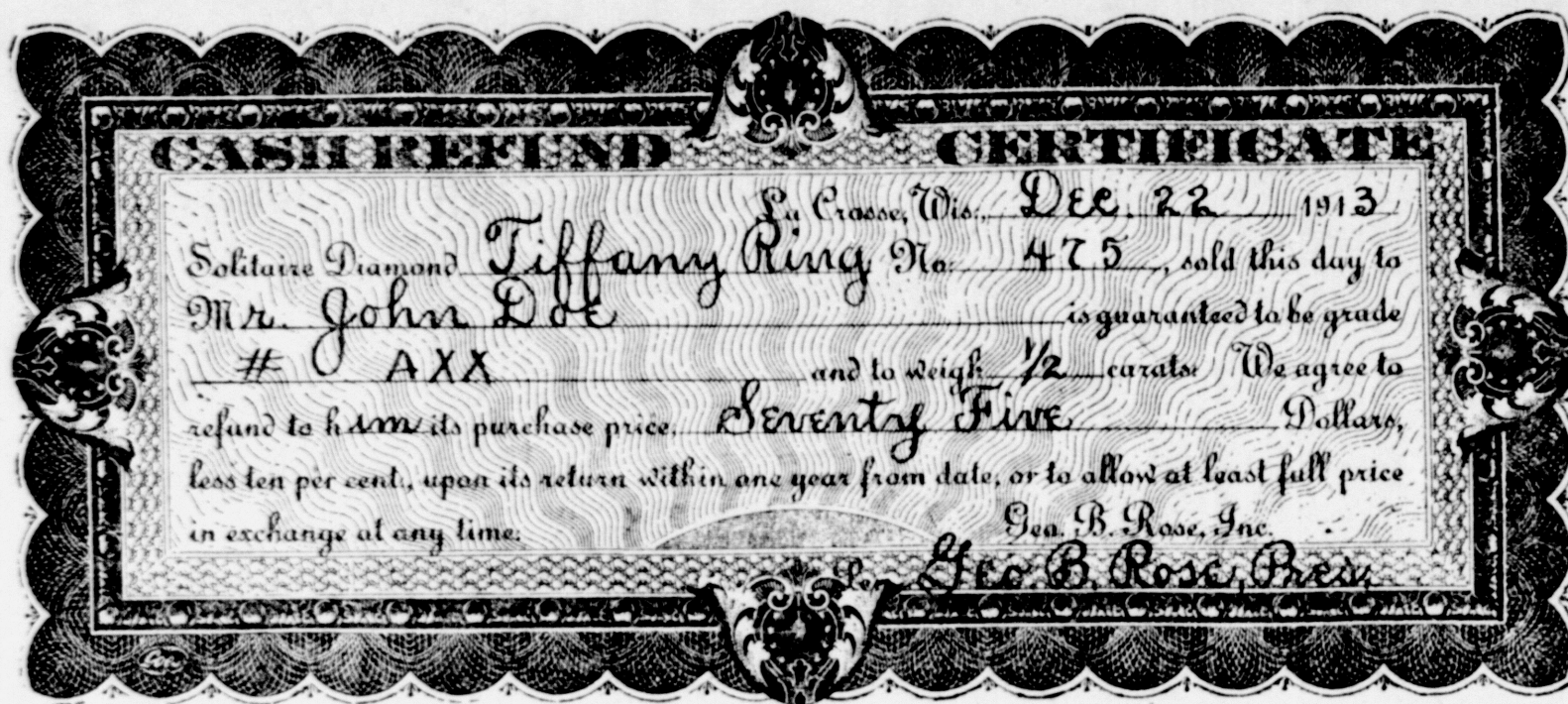
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Any selection laid away upon payment of small deposit

U. S. OWNERSHIP
GOES ON PROGRAM

Lewis Bill to Have Government Take Over Phone Lines May Become Administration Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Possibility that the Lewis bill for government ownership of telephone lines may be made an administration measure developed today when it became known that proponents of the plan are awaiting a report from Postmaster General Burleson on the matter.

Experts Examine Bill

The Lewis measure is now being scrutinized by postal experts. The Maryland representative had planned to introduce it this week, and Chairman Moon of the house post-office committee, it was understood, had arranged for its early consideration. But Postmaster General Burleson, who has talked over the government ownership plan with President Wilson, was understood to have asked for time for investigation.

The Lewis bill, as it was submitted to Postmaster General Burleson, provides that the telephone business of the country shall be taken over by the government in January 1, 1915. Lewis' plan of acquisition contemplates condemnation and payment by ordinary court procedure. Appraisal is to be left with the interstate commerce commission and the government's administration of the telephone business is to be lodged with a bureau of the postoffice department.

To Enter Telegraph Field

The Lewis bill does not refer to telegraph lines. It was explained that with modern inventions, telephone lines may be used for telegraphing and Lewis believes it would be a useless waste of money for the government to take over existing telegraph systems.

WEST SALEM CASES
AGAIN IN COURT

The insurance company suits against the Northwestern railroad resulting from the fire which destroyed the business section of West Salem two years ago, have not been dropped and answers in thirty-one new suits have been received by the clerk of the court from attorneys for the road. They will come up at the next term of court.

ALONZO ALLEN GOES
TO JAIL FOR TERM

Alonzo Allen, the man who took the body of an infant girl and attempted to hurl it into the river to avoid funeral expenses, was yesterday sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. The law demands that a burial permit be secured for all bodies.

LITTLE GIRL OF
ELROY DIES HERE

Dora J. Johnson, 9 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson of Elroy, Wis., died at three o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. Death came after an illness of one week caused by appendicitis. The body is being shipped to Elroy where the funeral services and burial will take place.

SCIENCE CLUB TO
MEET TOMORROW

The monthly meeting of the normal school science club will be held tomorrow evening. Alaska and Sir Isaac Newton will be the topics discussed. Amos Schroeder, a student at the normal school, will read a short paper on the life of the great discoverer of the law of gravity. Dr. W. M. Collier will tell the meeting of a trip to Alaska. The meeting will be held in the geography room, No. 309, at the normal school.

LAD DIES HERE

Rufen Sandvold, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Sandvold of Harper's Ferry, died Monday night at a local hospital. He was ill but a few days. Death was caused by an abscess on the limb. The body was taken to Harper's Ferry, where the funeral and interment will take place.

CO-OP HOUSES FOR CO-EDS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Co-operative rooming and boarding houses as the most feasible method of reducing the cost of living for college co-eds, were agreed upon today at the conference of women deans of state universities in session here.

NORTH SIDE GIRL CUTS
OFF LUXURIANT HAIR
WHILE STILL ASLEEP

Getting out of bed while asleep and cutting off her wealth of brown hair was the unique "stunt" of Miss Cora Jenks, 18 year old daughter of Mr. George Jenks, 1423 Kane street. Miss Jenks upon retiring, say her relatives, did her hair up in the customary "pugs." The next morning her mother was the first to notice the absence of the luxuriant locks. "What have you done to your hair?" she queried. A trip to Miss Jenks' room showed the tresses on the floor and a pair of scissors on a nearby stand explained the instrument used.

DEATH TAKES INFANT

Rudolph L. Nordlie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Nordlie, 115 South Seventh street, died this morning at its home, after an illness of one week. His parents and one sister and a brother survive. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the residence, Rev. Henry Magelssen will officiate. Burial will take place at Oak Grove cemetery.

CHARGES COURT IS
AGAINST STRIKERS

Vice President of Western Federation of Miners Makes Startling Charge to Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A dramatic recital of the conditions alleged to exist in the copper industries of Michigan, where the miners are now on strike, including charges that members of the supreme court of Michigan were either stockholders or keenly interested in the mining properties, was made before the house rules committee today by C. E. Mahoney of Denver, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners.

He charged that agencies in Chicago, New York and the principal eastern cities had been employed by the operators to enlist "gunmen" and transport them to the copper fields.

FATHER BYRNE TO WINONA

Rev. F. A. Byrne went to Winona yesterday where he is conducting a retreat for the students of St. Mary's college. St. Mary's is a new college in its initial year. It was opened last September by Bishop Heffron for the training of young men for the priesthood and for the professions.

Nearly one hundred students are enrolled. The Rev. William E. F. Griffin, formerly rector of St. Thomas Cathedral, is rector of the new college.

DE SOTO AGAINST
WATER WORKS PLAN

DE SOTO, Wis., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—De Soto does not want a city water works plant; at least, not one costing \$10,000. At a special election held here yesterday, a proposition to bond the city for \$10,000 for the erection of a water works system was defeated. The vote was 53 to 31.

STATE AUDITOR IS
IN THE CITY TODAY

W. E. Babler Representing Tax Commission Outlines Idea for Audit of County Books

W. E. Babler, representing the Wisconsin Tax commission is in the city today at the request of R. W. Davis, chairman of the La Crosse county board and County Clerk Bert A. Jollivette and will later submit figures for the proposed county audit.

Mr. Babler said today that the commission, if awarded the work, will make nothing but a thorough audit, whether the amount of their bid will cover the expense or not.

Mr. Babler says the state audits have proven valuable and cited the case of the city of Reedsburg. There they dug up the fact that \$5,000 was owing the county and that the clerk was short \$8,000, it is claimed.

The city of Eau Claire has called the tax commission for its audits and will again employ the state this year.

SCHOOL BANS SLIT SKIRT

CHARLESTON, Ill., Dec. 17.—Declaring that the scantiness of clothing worn by high school girls was "shocking," the faculty today with the approval of the board of education, issued an order forbidding the wearing of "slit skirts and thin skirts," in class rooms.

CLOSE \$18,000,000 DEAL

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—It was stated here by those interested that perhaps the biggest business deal of its kind—involving the sale of lands and mines valued at \$18,000,000 to English capitalists—was practically complete today.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED to buy second hand counter. Modern Steam Laundry. 12 17 tf

HOUSE, STORE AND
BARN ARE BURNED

H. P. Krog Property in La Crescent Totally Destroyed by Flames Last Night

The general store, residence and barn owned by H. P. Krog in La Crescent, burned to the ground at about 10:30 last night, while Mr. Krog and family were attending a performance at the La Crosse theater. Mr. Krog estimates his loss of the three buildings and contents at \$5,000, which is only partly covered by insurance.

While the third act at the theater was going on, the box office received a long distance call from La Crescent for Mr. Krog, and it was announced from the stage that his property was afire.

Neighbors Give Alarm

Mrs. George Umberger and Mrs. Fred Potter, residents of La Crescent, living nearby, were the first to see the fire. At that time all the buildings were in flames. Mrs. Umberger and Mrs. Patten telephoned to neighbors, and within a short time practically all the residents of the town were on the scene.

The men did all in their power to save the property, forming bucket brigades, but the flames had gone too far, and nothing could be done.

There was no aid from outside fire departments, as there is no water in La Crescent that could be used by fire companies.

A barn owned by Dell Gurley, which was in close proximity to the Krog property, was in serious danger for a time, but the volunteer department put it out of danger.

Cow is Burned

Knowing that Mr. Krog kept a cow in the barn, men tried to rush the burning building in an endeavor to get her out, but found that it was impossible.

The fire started in the store building. The residence is beside the store, and close to it.

Some of the smaller articles of stock in the store were saved, although these were only a small proportion of the stock of clothing, groceries and other things that the store contained. A part of the furniture of the residence was saved.

When Mr. Krog reached La Crescent, the three buildings were practically in ruins. Today there is nothing but the store foundations left. Mr. Krog and his family are living for the present at another residence in La Crescent.

The Krog store is the oldest in La Crescent. It was built by the late Peter Ferguson, who conducted his business there for thirty years. It was erected in 1869.

SELLS TO BROTHERS

The O'Neill shoe store, 705 Rose street, changed hands today. William O'Neill selling his business to his brothers. The store will be managed as formerly by Jacob O'Neill.

BIJOU—BIJOU

"THIEVES AND THE CROSS"

A wonderful allegorical production with PHILLIPS SMALLEY and LOIS WEBER playing leads. When these two people take part in a picture it is sure to be good.

Today and Thursday

Hear Walter Goetzinger play the special music for this great picture.

Notice

The La Crosse Motor Truck Co. has opened a Repair Department, and are ready to receive all kinds of work relative to the motor car line. Mr. F. C. Becker, an experienced mechanic from St. Louis, is in charge of this department.

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AT K. P. HALL,
SATURDAY EVENING
For Gold Medals.
Special Dance Christmas Night at
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HOWARD JONES TO
EDIT "U" MAGAZINE

Howard M. Jones of La Crosse was this morning elected editor in chief of the Wisconsin Magazine, according to advices received from the university. Mr. Jones succeeds Arthur W. Hallam, who has resigned. Mr. Jones entered the university last year, and has since established a name for himself as an orator and writer. He won the Hamilton oratorical contest at Chicago last winter.

CORCORAN HOTEL
SOLD FOR \$8,000

The Corcoran hotel on Pearl street formerly the Hotel Bronson, has been sold by George and Leonard Zeisler to Shean, Salem, Nicholas and Thamar Markos for \$8,000. The building, it is said, will be remodeled into a rooming house.

HONOR P. D. ARMOUR

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 17.—The name of Phillip D. Armour, Chicago packer, was today chosen to be erected with his portrait in the hall of fame of the Illinois College of Agriculture here, according to an announcement from the University of Illinois.

MILITANT GIRL
SHOOTS MASHER

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—"Mashers" deserve to be shot," said Miss Bertha Trowbridge, a restaurant cashier, who, Monday night, wounded in the leg a man who persisted in following her as she was on her way home from work. She was not arrested.

"All women who are forced to be out alone late at night should be allowed to carry a gun," said Miss Trowbridge.

"That's the second time I have had occasion to use that gun. A year ago I had trouble with a man who followed me and I shot at him. I guess he is running yet." "That fellow who caused the trouble Monday night kept after me for several blocks. I was on my porch when I shot at him. He deserved what he got."

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THE BEST AFTER ALL

LIQUOR PAPER URGES DEALERS

Says They Should Recognize Social and Political Conditions and Meet Demands of People

LIQUOR ITSELF NOT ATTACHED

Only Alliance with Social Vices Makes Prohibition Movement Strong with the Voters

Following is an editorial which appeared in a recent issue of The National Liquor Dealers' Journal, and which has created wide comment. Its significance lies in the fact that this journal, devoted to the interests of the liquor industry, recognizes conditions which threaten the trade and sets forth what it believes to be the remedy. The thing against which it protests is the methods by which many dealers, in order to save the small percentage of their business which comes from sources directly allied with immorality, challenge the hostility of citizens who are not at enmity with the cleaner aspect of the business, who do object emphatically to anything which plainly seeks to thrive on social vices. It urges that the liquor business divorce itself entirely from traffic with those engaged in these vices in order that when acting upon the liquor question voters shall not judge adversely on the ground that the business must be condemned for its unflinching, but on the contrary shall be actuated only by their judgment of the merits and demerits of prohibition as against clean traffic.

In reading the Liquor Dealers' editorial, it should be remembered that it comes from a friend and advocate of the business, not from a foe or a prohibitionist. The editorial which immediately follows, is entitled, "To Liquor Dealers—Make Your Case Ready for the Court."

"It is always best for normal people to look at things as they are; reality may be obscured to the sick or feeble minded in certain circumstances, but deception is a poor evidence of friendship; partisanship with blinded eyes only leads the way to ruin, and self deception is the worst of all.

"Let us look at things as they are and in face of the enemy dare to consider and concede his strength. Knowing the plan of battle we can better arrange our forces for his defeat, rightly estimating his strength we can better provide to meet it.

"The prohibition fight henceforth will be nation wide; and contemplates writing into the national constitution a prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic beverages. To accomplish this result will require the ratification of thirty-six out of the forty-eight states of the union.

"Of these nine are already in line through state prohibition—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia. The last five have been added within a period of six years.

"In addition to these there are eighteen states in which a major part of the people live in territory made dry by local option, and in which we may be assured prohibition sentiment predominates.

"If the people in these states who are opposed to the liquor traffic demand it, their legislatures will undoubtedly ratify a national amendment.

"The most influential argument against prohibition is that it is not effective; that prohibition don't prohibit."

"This is not basic or moral, the fact of failure to enforce is no argument against even the expediency, much less against the moral issue involved.

"Ultimately all questions must be settled by moral standards; only in this way can mankind be saved from self effacement. The liquor traffic cannot save itself by declaring that government is incapable of coping with the problem it presents; when the people decide that it must go, it will be banished.

"We are not discussing the benefit or justice of Prohibition; but its possibility, and its probability in present circumstances.

"To us there is the handwriting on the wall, and its interpretation spells doom.

"For this the liquor business is to blame, it seems incapable of learning any lesson of advancement, or any motive but profit.

"To perpetuate itself, it has formed alliances with the slums that repel all conscientious and patriotic citizens.

"It deliberately aids the most corrupt political powers, and backs with all of its resources the most unworthy men, the most corrupt and recreant officials. It does not aid the purification of municipal, state or national administration.

"Why? Because it has to ask immunity for its own lawlessness.

"That this condition is inherently and inevitably necessary we do not believe, but it has come to be a fact, and the public which is to pass on the matter in its final analysis, believe anything bad that anybody can tell it of the liquor business.

"Why? Let the leaders of the trade answer.

"Other lines of business may be as bad or even worse, but it is not so plainly in evidence.

"The case of the liquor traffic is called for adjudication by the American people and must be ready for trial.

"Other cases may be called later, but one before the court cannot be postponed. But as in the past, the men most concerned are playing for postponement, not for acquittal. Is

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The beautiful Mrs. Ida M. French, formerly Miss Wynne, daughter of Robert J. Wynne, who was American consul general in London, has just obtained a divorce from her British husband, Captain Hugh Ronald French, in London. She charged

it because they fear the weakness of their defense that they fear to go on trial.

"Looking the facts in the face is best.

"There are billions of property in-

cruely, in addition to the usual statutory grounds.

Miss Wynne was one of the belles of Washington when she lived there, and on her father's appointment to the post at London her beauty won her a place in British society.

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friends at dinner Sunday. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames A. N. Moore, T. G. Aiken, L. B. Cox, F. L. Aiken, D. L. Aiken, Mrs. F. E. Balmer, Mrs. W. W. Schall, and Miss Kathryn Schall.

Misses Maggie Travis, Laura Johnson and Candace Erickson of Holmen were visitors in the city on Friday.

The tenth annual school board convention was held at the county agricultural school Friday. Teachers and members of school boards from the entire county were present and all report a very profitable meeting. About 275 were served at the school by the students of the domestic science department under the supervision of Misses Raht and McEldowney.

Miss Mae Aiken of La Crosse Sunday at the home of T. G. Aiken. Miss Florence Cox, who is teaching in the city schools at Sparta, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox.

Otto Struck left Monday noon for Shenington, Wis., to complete the station work there for the Onalaska Pickle and Canning company.

The Ladies Aid society of the First Norwegian Lutheran church will be entertained Thursday afternoon in the church parlors by Mrs. G. C. Hagenbaugh.

The second number of the lecture course given by the citizens of this

city will take place Wednesday evening at the Woodmen hall.

Miss Clara Shove, who is teaching school near Bangor, spent Sunday with her parents here.

ADD TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—To prevent a recurrence of one of the most embarrassing incidents that ever befell the wife of a president of the United States—that which occurred during the Taft administration when Mrs. Taft invited Col. and Mrs. Goethals to the White house as Christmas guests and had to rescind the invitation and send them to a hotel because of insufficient accommodations—five additional guest rooms have been added to the executive mansion. Heretofore the limited number of bedrooms have restricted the number of guests to two or three. This winter Mrs. Wilson will be enabled to invite her friends to visit her without fear of embarrassment.

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ONALASKA, WIS.

Superintendent Doyle of the C. & N. W. was in the city last week conferring with local business men relative to constructing a new depot here. If the plans materialize Onalaska will have a thoroughly modern depot to replace the present rather old structure.

Mrs. Norman Larson and two daughters left Friday for Virginia, Minn., where they will spend a month with relatives.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Mathewson of La Crosse was held at the home of T. G. Aiken of this city Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Klaus of La Crosse officiated and interment was made in the Onalaska cemetery.

Mrs. F. E. Balmer arrived Saturday evening to spend a few weeks at the home of F. L. Aiken. Mr. Balmer, who is at Washington, D. C., will also be here to spend the holidays.

Mrs. John Mailer entertained a number of friends at her home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Richmond of Campbell entertained a number of

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\$25.00 COATS for \$16.75	on sale at 1/4 Off	\$30.00 COATS for \$19.50

Linen Dept.

Maderia Napkins, scalloped and eyelet embroidered corners, worth \$4 dozen, only 6 for **\$1.39**

All our Fancy Linen pieces put up in Christmas boxes. See the values offered for 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.

The most serviceable Christmas gifts you can give.

WHEN IN DOUBT

about what to give, buy one of our

Merchandise Certificates

redeemable at any time for merchandise specified. The easy way of solving the gift problem.

Watch Friday Evening Papers

Robe Blankets

Robe Blankets or Lounging Robes in Indian colors, also beautiful plaids in all colors, worth \$4.50, only **\$3.45**

Robe Blankets with cord and tassel to match, worth \$2.50, only per set **\$1.89**

Wool Comforters

Wool Comforters filled with pure wool and fine silkoline covering, worth \$6.75, only each **\$4.50**

Do Your Christmas Shopping in the MORNINGS

Baskets

See our line of fine Japanese Baskets from 50c to \$5.

FANCY GOODS

We have a very select line of Volland Calendars, Books and Christmas Novelties at popular prices.

TOYS—Basement—TOYS

A big assortment of Toys that sold for 18c, 19c, 25c and 35c, only each **10c**

Unbreakable Character Dressed Dolls that sold for \$1.75 and \$1.00, only each **75c and 50c**

Celluloid Dressed Dolls that sold for 59c, only each **39c**

Teddy Bears that growl, regular 65c, only each **39c**

25c Doll Beds, all trimmed, on sale at only each **19c**

CHINA

We have made four big lots of fine Imported China. Look them over for Christmas gifts. 25c each, 50c each, 75c each and \$1.00 each. The above are special low prices.

AGED WOMAN HAS CHANCE FOR LIFE

Mrs. E. M. Ames Who was Hurt by Auto Has Doubtful Chance of Recovery

With her aged husband by her side, Mrs. E. M. Ames, 73 year old woman of Ferryville, Wis., is lying in the St. Francis hospital fighting for life against great odds. Her advanced age makes her recovery doubtful.

Mrs. Ames was knocked down and run over on Fourth street in front of the entrance of the Park store yesterday morning by the automobile of C. L. Jenks, manager of the Arctic Ice and Fuel company. She and her husband were in the city shopping for Christmas, and had started out in the early morning to make their rounds of the stores.

Jenks claims that he was running at a slow rate of speed, and that the aged couple were standing in the center of the street and had become confused. The machine passed over her body, and had to be lifted off.

Although she sustained a broken limb, a broken arm, a severe cut on the head and possible internal injuries, Dr. Egan, who is treating her at the hospital, is of the opinion that she may recover.

High School Haps

The end of the third quarter of the high school year has arrived and as soon as it is possible cards will be sent to the parents of all students who are deficient in any study.

The Athletic association of the high school will give the usual annual Christmas dance on the 23rd of this month. As there will be many of the alumni in the city during the holidays, the association expects a large attendance. The dance will be given in the new gymnasium.

Friday evening at 3:30, the Onaska high school will attempt to defeat the local high team in a game of basketball. As it is the first game of the season much curiosity is aroused to know who will constitute the high team. There will be no admission charged to the game so all students are expected to attend.

On the evening of January 2 the high school team will play against the alumni. The alumni will have a strong team. Stavrum, Bradish, Hayes and Strum will play.

Friday afternoon a Christmas program will be given by the students. The periods will probably be shortened and the pupils will be allowed to listen to selections by the Glee clubs and orchestra. Miss Wylie will have some of her pupils demonstrate old folk dances. Miss McLane is supervising arrangements.

The seniors have filed their usual petition to be exempt from all final exams. No signatures were missing.

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Discretion is not only a part of valor; it frequently poses as virtue also, and gets by.



\$2.00 Franco-German Ring
CURE RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, SCALD, AND KINDRED DISEASES
Money Refunded if it fails.
FOR SALE AND GUARANTEED BY
GEO. B. ROSE, The Jeweler
310 MAIN STREET

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Amusements

The CASINO

THE VAMPIRE

A Powerful

Three Reel Feature

Presenting Mr. Bert French and Miss Alice Eis in their world famous Vampire Dance.

NOTE: To thoroughly enjoy this big feature, patrons should be present at the beginning of a show, at 7:00, 7:50, 8:40 and 9:30 at night and at 2:00, 2:50 and 3:40 in the afternoon.

Today and Tomorrow

OPTIMISTIC OVER WISCONSIN CROPS

Last Monthly Crop Report of State Board of Agriculture Calls Conditions Best in Years

Wisconsin crop prospects for 1914 are viewed optimistically by the crop reporters of the state board of agriculture, which issued its last monthly crop report of the year. Soil conditions are called the best in years. The average yield of clover seed for the state is 2.8 bushels as compared with 2.7 in 1912, and the quality is 93.8 per cent. The average yield of timothy seed is 6.1 bushels as compared with 6 in 1912, and quality approximated 96 per cent.

The percentage of the 1913 products still remaining in the hands of the farmer is as follows: Wheat, 80.8 per cent; rye, 73; barley, 74.4; oats, 82.3; corn, 89.6; buckwheat, 73.8; flax, 75.3; clover seed, 85.8; timothy seed, 87.2; beans, 81.3; peas, 46.6; potatoes, 62.5; sugar beets, 17.3; tame hay, 83.

The acreage and condition of seed, for the season 1913 is as follows: Timothy, acreage 96.8; condition 98.5; clover, acreage 98.8, condition 97.8; alfalfa, acreage 103.5, condition 96.4; winter wheat, acreage, 93.3, condition 97.5; winter rye, acreage 97.7, condition 98.2.

Concerning La Crosse county the report says: "All crops were good; hay good; pastures good; corn good. Fall was quite dry for early plowing, so not very much winter grain sowed; hired help scarce."

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the undersigned, wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and father. Especially do we wish to thank for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. C. ASSELIN and Family.

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MRS. AUGUSTA KOETHE AND FAMILY.

Poetical Hugo.

The clouds—the only birds that never sleep—Hugo.

THOMPSON'S TWIN IS NAMED JUDGE

Local Attorney's Brother George Chosen by McGovern to Eighth Circuit Bench

George Thompson of Ellsworth, Wis., a twin brother of former District Attorney James Thompson of this city, was yesterday appointed circuit judge for the Eighth circuit, to succeed E. W. Helms, who has resigned. Judge Helms' resignation takes effect January 1. The appointment was made by Governor McGovern.

It is regarded as certain that Mr. Thompson will be a candidate for the regular election to the office.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Dane county and a graduate of the university in 1899 and of the law school in 1901. He is a practicing attorney at Ellsworth, has been district attorney for six terms and is a member of the board of normal school regents. The Eighth circuit comprises the counties of Pierce, St. Croix, Dunn, Buffalo and Pepin.

You have a right to think a lot of things you have no right to say.

OUCH! LAME BACK RUB PAINS AWAY

Rub Backache and Lumbago right out with a small trial bottle of old St. Jacobs Oil

Kidneys cause Backache? No! They have no nerves, therefore can not cause pain. Listen! Your backache is caused by lumbago, sciatica or a strain, and the quickest relief is soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil." Rub it right on the aching tender spot, and instantly the pain, soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Oil" from your druggist and liberally apply it after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the back ache, sciatica or lumbago pain. "St. Jacobs Oil" is harmless and doesn't turn the skin.

It's the only application to rub on a weak, lame or painful back, or for lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, sprains or a strain.

MOLLENHAUERS AT NORMAL TONIGHT

For the First Time Three Generations of Artists Appear on Stage; Program Made Public

Excitement seems to be running high in the city and the refined and cultured people are in a fever of expectation regarding the violinists Mollenhauers, who make their first appearance at the Normal school tonight.

In one sense of the word they can-



ARROW COLLARS
2 for 25 cts. Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.

not be blamed for their eagerness to hear these artists, as it is the first time in the history of music that three generations of violinists are appearing on the same stage.

The program selected and which follows is of a highly artistic nature, and should appeal strongly to a music loving public.

Trio—Twilight Edw. Mollenhauer, Father, Son and Grandson
Lyrical Variations (for violin alone) Paganini
Owing to the great delicacy of phrasing required and its technical difficulty, this work has never been performed since the composer's death.

Wm. F. T. Mollenhauer, Sr.
Duo Concertante in A
Edw. Mollenhauer
Two violins, piano accompaniment
Grandfather and Grandson
Airs Hongrois—Violin Solo
H. W. Ernst

Master Wm. F. T. Mollenhauer, Jr.
Grand Trio
Edw. Mollenhauer
The Three Generations
Violin Solo—Fantasie Caprice in A Minor
Vieuxtemps
Edward Mollenhauer
Trio Concertante, Edw. Mollenhauer
The Three Generations

The violins played upon in this concert are a Paolo Maggini, a Guadagnini and an O. M. Robinson.

News of Twins Kills Father
SPEERMORE, Okla.—Samuel Bealmer dropped dead when told that his wife had given birth to twins.

FORGET TO ELECT MEMBERS OF BOARD

Special Council Meeting Is Called by Mayor to Select Men for Board of Education

Mayor Ori J. Sorenson this morning called a special meeting of the council for Friday night to elect three members of the board of education to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of other terms.

L. F. Easton, Harry Hirschheimer and John Streeter are the three whose terms expired and the council at its last regular meeting forgot to elect men to fill the vacancies. The charter provides that the election be held at the first regular meeting in January. City Attorney Higbee, at the request of the mayor, rules that elections at a special meeting will be legal.

The annual meeting of the school board will be held in January.

CARD OF THANKS.

We express our heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown in our bereavement, the sickness and death of husband and father, A. Falk, especially to the M. W. of America and the employees of the C. B. & Q. shops.

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LYRIC—LYRIC

Edwin August, one of the greatest actors in pictures, will be at the Lyric

Today and Tomorrow

In a Wonderful Picture entitled

"A Seaside Samaritan"

We also have SOME COMEDY. Only a few days left to get the money in the glass box, as December 22 is the last day.

Don't miss this show, as it is extra good.

Christmas FLOWERS

Cut Flowers and Blooming Plants

Extra Fine
Cyclamen Plants
in Bloom

Baby Primula in
Pink and White.

Jardinieres and
Baskets filled with
Blooming Plants
and Ferns

Our Cut Flowers
Are Just Right
For Christmas

Roses, Carnations,
Narcissus, Lilies,
Hyacinths and
Violets

Extra Fine
Poinsettia.

Holly Wreaths
Made To Order



Fine Display of Christmas BASKETS At Our GreenHouse

La Crosse Floral Co.

The Habit of Putting Off Till Tomorrow What You Can Do TODAY Is What Makes the World so Full of Lost Opportunities

It's the "early bird" and the And—It's Always The Early "early boarder" that gets the Buyer who gets the best service and the best that's served

The Greatest Clothing Sale Ever held in this store is now in progress

And the man who wants a fine Suit or Overcoat has an opportunity that was never quite equalled for excellence of choice or high character of merchandise at similar savings.

We find that there is a market condition now that is unprecedented for this season of the year, owing to the extremely mild weather. Manufacturers are overstocked, especially on Overcoats. We took advantage of this smash weeks ago and placed a large order for Overcoats at prices never before equalled.

THURSDAY We Will Place On Sale 100 MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S Overcoats

AT

Half Price and Less

Every Coat guaranteed strictly all wool, and any coat not giving perfect satisfaction will be replaced with a new one. These Coats are made with shawl or convertible collars, and come in Chinchillas, fancy Mixtures, Kerseys and Meltons, in all colors.

THE BIG FOUR

J. E. WILLING, JR.

115-117 SOUTH FOURTH STREET

CHICAGO BOND CO. IS NOW BANKRUPT

Concern that Floated \$3,000,000 Bonds for the La Crosse Water Power Company Fails

The Trowbridge & Niver company, the Chicago bonding house that floated \$3,000,000 first mortgage 6 per cent bonds for the La Crosse Water Power company, has gone into the hands of a receiver. Ninety-three cents in cash and liabilities in excess of \$600,000 have been found.

Irrigation Schemes Blamed
The financial troubles of the company began with the collapse in 1910 and 1911 of three big irrigation concerns, whose bonds it had sold in all parts of the country. At that time the company owed the banks more than \$3,000,000. After the crash banks refrained from pressing their claims against the Trowbridge & Niver company, deciding to give the house time to realize on its assets and pay its claims. The patience of the smaller creditors, however, finally became exhausted.

The irrigation concerns were the Denver Reservoir Irrigation company, capitalized for \$12,000,000; the Colorado Land and Water company of Montana, with \$1,016,000 of first mortgage bonds and the Big Lost River Irrigation company, with \$1,355,000 of bonds.

The La Crosse Failure
Later the La Crosse, (Wis.) Water Power company, whose \$3,000,000 first mortgage 6 per cent bonds had been sold by Trowbridge & Niver company, went bankrupt.

The petition was filed by Dillon Turney, Fairfield, Iowa, A. L. Register, Philadelphia, Pa., and J. W. Gilkey, Plainwell, Mich.

According to Vice President Spear the failed company owes the banks \$114,000 and has other debts aggregating \$500,000.

RUSHFORD, MINN.

The Ladies' Aid of the Rushford Presbyterian church held their sale of Christmas novelties and aprons last Friday evening at the church basement and afterwards served a delicious luncheon. A good crowd was in attendance at both sale and supper and a neat sum was added to the aid treasury.

The Ladies' Aid of the Rushford Lutheran church held their annual apron sale at Julsrud brothers' store Saturday afternoon, December 13. A fine display was made of all kinds of aprons and Julsrud brothers served a hot lunch during the afternoon and evening. A substantial sum was realized from the sale.

L. A. Gullickson, the painter, is employed at Preston and expects to be there until Christmas.

John Culhane who has been in Canada the past summer at work on his land there, returned to his home in this city last Thursday evening. He reports about two inches of snow on the ground when he left, but the weather was ideal, the same as this section has been enjoying for about two weeks.

Workmen are busily engaged in tearing down the partition between the former post office building and the Rushford State bank, the latter planning to use the former as an enlargement of their rooms. When finished, the bank will be housed in one of the nearest and roomiest places to be found.

Mr. Will McCormick of Vinegar Hill, was a business visitor in this city Friday and was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. John Culhane. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and the two latter went over to Winona Saturday for a brief visit with relatives returning home Sunday.

Workmen are busily engaged in putting in the foundation of Mr. Halverson's new brick and stone structure which will be built on the site of the old building recently burned. Contractor Nelson's bid of \$3,850 was the lowest of the two bids received on the work and that gentleman was granted the job. The building will be of hollow brick and trimmed with stone; one and a half story.

The World's Confidence in

any article intended to relieve the sufferings of humanity is not lightly won. There must be continued proof of value. But for three generations, and throughout the world, enduring and growing fame and favor have been accorded

BEECHAM'S PILLS

because they have proved to be the best corrective and preventive of disordered conditions of stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. The first dose gives quick relief and permanent improvement follows their systematic use. A trial will show why, in all homes, the use of Beecham's Pills

Continues To Increase

Sold everywhere. In boxes 10c, 25c. The largest sale of any medicine. No one should neglect to read the directions with every box.



Give it by the box for Christmas!

Nearly every dealer can now sell you a twenty package box of clean, pure, healthful

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

for 85 cents

You can send this sure-to-be-welcome delicacy to all you want to "remember." It's a **big** gift in long enjoyment—it's **little** in cost to you. Get it for **yourself!**

Be SURE it's Wrigley's



Chew it after every meal

Give regular help to teeth, breath, appetite and digestion

CAUTION!

The great popularity of the clean, pure, healthful **WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT** is causing unscrupulous persons to wrap rank imitations that are not even real chewing gum so they resemble genuine **WRIGLEY'S**. The better class of stores will not try to fool you with these imitations. They will be offered to you principally by street fakirs, peddlers and the candy departments of some 5 and 10 cent stores. These rank imitations cost dealers one cent a package or even less and are sold to careless people for almost any price. If you want **Wrigley's** look before you buy. **Get what you pay for.**

FROWN ON SUTTEE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.—The High court of Allahabad has emphasized condemnation of the practice "suttee"—the burning of a widow on her husband's funeral pyre—by treating the sentences of the relatives of a woman who thus recently trifled herself. She was the widow of a wealthy Brahman and, according to the ancient rite, which has been prescribed by the Indian government since 1829, caused herself to be burned alive in his pyre in the presence of the whole village. Relatives assisting at the ceremony. Five of the latter were arrested on the charge, of "abetting

suicide" and were sentenced to imprisonment by the trial court. In their appeal to the High Court they failed to substantiate the defense that the fire was lighted by supernatural means, the flames descending from Heaven, and the appeal was promptly dismissed and the increased sentence imposed.

FRANCE FOLLOWS U. S.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The French government today is looking for quarters to serve as a juvenile court, patterned after the American model originated by Judge Lindsey. The Chamber of Deputies passed an act in July, 1912, providing for such a

court, but neglected to provide either funds to operate it or a room for it to be held in. Paris courts are already overcrowded so a separate building must be arranged for.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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In the matter of the estate of Marie Stadiek, late of the City of La Crosse, in said County, deceased. Letters of administration with the will annexed in said matter having been granted to Joseph W. Giefer, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, notice is hereby given that six months after the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1913, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance; and that said Court will on the 9th day of June, A. D. 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court in the Court House in the City of La Crosse, in said County, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

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Buying Christmas Presents

is always a pleasant task, but it is sometimes difficult to know just what to buy. Now maybe you don't know it, but the manufacturers of La Crosse make goods that will make most acceptable Christmas gifts.

If we tried to enumerate all of them it would make a bigger list than you would care to read right now, but let us give you a hunch: Go to your merchant. Tell him that you want to spend your Christmas money for La Crosse made goods. If he's onto his job he'll show you things that will surprise and please you. The quality will be there and the price will be right.

(Buy It From Yourself)

Little economical conveniences that improve any bathroom

A beautiful, comfortable and sanitary bathroom is one of the joys of life. One need not be wealthy to have such a bathroom. At even small expenditure you can obtain a surprisingly good effect with the



GUARANTEE
Every Article Bearing the SANDOLA trademark is plainly stamped Art Brass Co., N. Y. This means that it is of the finest materials and workmanship and is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Our ABC Finish is extra heavy nickel plate warranted for five years.
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We shall be pleased to show you this ware, and suggest selections. Come in today and see these necessary luxuries.

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Fifth and Jay Sts. Phones 250



The Victrola opens your door to all the music of all the world

The hostess who has a Victrola in her home can entertain her guests regally. She has at her command the world's greatest opera artists—always ready to oblige with their arias and concerted numbers. She can entertain her guests with stirring band music or superb instrumental solos, and can at will furnish the latest dance music to add to their enjoyment.

Wouldn't you like a Victrola in your home? You can easily get one. There are various styles of the Victrola from \$15 to \$200, and terms can be arranged to suit your convenience.

Bergh Piano Co.

Fourth and Jay Streets

TOMAH, WIS.

On Monday afternoon a serious runaway occurred on Superior avenue. Mr. Wm. Griffin, a prosperous farmer living on the Kirby road, near Warren, was driving homeward when the horse shied at an automobile and Mr. Griffin lost control of the animal and when near the Central hotel he jumped, and the horse crashed into the hotel porch, where it was caught. Mrs. Griffin was taken into Butt's furniture store and medical aid was at once summoned. It was found that besides a severe shaking up, the only injury she received was a large scalp wound. Mr. Griffin escaped with a sprained ankle. They were taken to the home of Mr. Griffin's brother Frank and left for their home on Tuesday afternoon.

Work was commenced on the T. H. S. annual, a book which is issued by the senior class. The following have charge of the work: Donald Compton, editor in chief; Irene Eldridge, assistant editor; Charles Wright, business manager; Will Morgan, assistant manager; Robert Murray, class editor; Lorna Smith and Mabel Baker, literary editors; Will Nuzum, manual training department; Raymond Reinholdt, debating department; Martha Lenz, domestic science and art; Hallie Barchart, social editor.

It is assured that the 1914 annual will be the best ever.

Miss Hannah Ragan, an old resident of this community, arrived here from Harrington, Wash., Monday, and will spend the winter with friends and relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Donald left Tuesday for Arlington, Cal., where they will spend the winter, as they have in the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Standy and two daughters, Veronica and Martha, of Milwaukee, were guests of Mrs. D. O. Ragan during the past week.

Mr. Herbert Otta, who spent Sunday with friends in this vicinity, has returned home to Milwaukee.

Word was received here from Riverside, Cal., that Destin Woodward, son of Wilson Woodward, died at his home there on Sunday. Mr. Woodward was well known in this city and vicinity, having formerly owned a store at Tunnel City.

Mr. C. A. Callan, commercial teacher, has been absent from his duties for the past few days on account of sickness.

Physiognomy might enable one to tell the difference between a beer mug and a gin phiz.

Every time you see a woman headed downtown she is either going to a dry goods store or to the dentist.

LA CROSSE FREE EVENING SCHOOL

A profitable place to spend your evenings. Classes offered in the following and any other subjects for which twelve or more persons register.

Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Penmanship, Typewriting, Cooking, Millinery, Dressmaking, Plain Sewing, Shop Arithmetic, Mechanical Drawing, Pattern Making, Cabinet Making, Joinery, Carpentry, Practical and Business English, English, Government and Citizenship for Foreigners, Etc.

Enrollment Monday to Friday of every week, 7:30 to 9:30.

OFFICE AT LONGFELLOW SCHOOL

Sixth and Vine Streets.

ACTOR HERE IS RECORD-HOLDER

"Bob" Crawford Who Calls Self "Mars" Is Champion Motorcyclist

"Bob" Crawford, famous cycle racer, playing at the Majestic here under the name of Mars, has the distinction of holding the world's record for the mile and for the hundred mile marks on dirt tracks with the motorcycle.

Accompanying Crawford in his acrobatic act here is his wife, who claims to be the world's champion woman motorcyclist. Mrs. Crawford is but slightly past the twenty year mark, and her husband but a little older. Both rode at the recent Minnesota state fair held in Minneapolis.

Possibly a local theater has never seen a pair of vaudeville artists that were greater lovers of the open air, and of open air sports. In this lies their success.

The greater part of their winters are spent in motorcycle riding and other sports on the Pacific coast, and the balance of their time is spent in vaudeville. During the summer months the couple play fair, accompanied by Mrs. Crawford's sister, who is a vaudeville acrobat of note.

Crawford and his wife are now arranging for dates on several tracks, when Mr. Crawford expects to ride away his former records. He rode one hundred miles on a dirt track in a fraction over 78 minutes. He has ridden in competition with automobiles and aeroplanes.

You can learn anything you want from a "medium," excepting sense. It is never too late to blame the other fellow for your mistakes.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned referee, that pursuant to a judgment rendered in the Circuit Court in and for La Crosse County, Wisconsin, in an action for partition wherein Carl Holseth and another are plaintiffs, and Johanna Holseth and others are defendants, the undersigned will at the West front door of the Courthouse in the City of La Crosse, County of La Crosse and State of Wisconsin, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash money, the following described real estate lying and being in La Crosse County, Wisconsin, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (S. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4), and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (S. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4), of Section fourteen (14), township eighteen (18), range eight (8).

The East half (E. 1/2) of the Northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4), all of the Southwest quarter (S. W. 1/4), and the South half (S. 1/2) of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (N. E. 1/4-S. E. 1/4), all of section fifteen (15) in township eighteen (18) of range eight (8) west.

The Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (N. E. 1/4-N. W. 1/4) of section twenty-three (23), township eighteen (18), range eight (8);

Lots six and seven (6 and 7) in section sixteen (16), township eighteen (18), range eight (8);

Lot three (3) in section fifteen (15) township eighteen (18), range eight (8); and also the South part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (N. E. 1/4-N. W. 1/4), and the South part of lot two (2) in said Northwest quarter (N. W. 1/4) of section fifteen, (15), township eighteen (18), range eight (8) West, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast (S. E.) corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (N. E. 1/4-N. W. 1/4), running thence North twenty-five and one-third (25 1/3) rods; thence West one hundred ten and one-eighth (110 1/8) rods through said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (N. E. 1/4-N. W. 1/4) and through said lot two (2) to the bank of the Black river; thence South along the bank of said river to the South line of said Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (N. E. 1/4-N. W. 1/4) and lot two (2), thence East to the place of beginning—containing seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) acres and every right, title and estate in said real estate and every part thereof.

Dated, November 11, A. D. 1913.

OSCAR HAUG,
Referee.

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WANTS OPIUM CONTROL

HONG KONG, Dec. 17.—In addition to the long standing agreement which it maintains with the opium raisers in India, and the monopoly which it maintains in the Straits Settlements, the British government today set in motion plans to monopolize and to absolutely control the raising, marketing and sale of opium in the crown colony of Hongking, on the southern coast of China.

The new plan becomes effective on March 1, 1914, and has been ordered in an attempt to counteract deficit of \$2,036,616 Mexican in the budget of 1914. This abolishes the opium farm system which has been in operation here for years.

By taking over the opium farm, and establishing an official monopoly, the government expects to reap a profit of \$1,157,369 Mexican, which will come within \$500,000 Mexican of wiping out the dreaded \$2,036,616 slump in the governmental revenues.

Caustic criticism of this plan trafficker in a notorious drug for profit has called forth denials from Claude Severn, the official administering the government, and other Hongking officials, who contend that the plan is the best that could be devised under the circumstances.

BUTTER SHOTS UP

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Butter shot upward again yesterday, and housewives were called upon to pay forty to forty-five cents a pound for the best grades. The retail price, following a boost in the price of one cent on the Elgin butter board. The big butter men blame it on the new quality of the butter now on the market increased the demand for better grades.

BEN WAS PUT ON THE WAITING LIST --- HE WANTED A WIFE ON THE JUMP!

Drawn for this paper By Carl Ed

I HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT TO TAKE JULIA TO THE THEATRE—I HOPE SHE FULFILLS ME IDEAS OF A MODEL GIRL AS I WANT TO GET MARRIED. I'M NOW CLOSER TO THAT \$10,000 NOW THAN I WAS 3 WEEKS AGO!

MISS JULIA SAYS FOR ME TO TELL YOU SHE'LL BE READY IN A FEW MINUTES

TELL HER I'LL BE WAITING GLORIETTA!

NO WONDER MEN COMMIT MURDER—EXCUSE ME FROM A WIFE THAT TAKES FROM 7 TO 11 TO DRESS FOR THE THEATRE!

MRS. WORRY—John's Pleasant Surprise Is All Spoiled

By C. A. Voight



THE TRIBUNE WANT SECTION

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—One or two good, hustling salesmen, exclusive territory. Salary on commission paid weekly. Write for terms. Charles H. Chase, Nurseryman, Rochester, N. Y. 12 6 19

FIREMEN AND BRAKEMEN for all railroads entering La Crosse. Wages \$100. Railroad recruiting headquarters. Positions assured competent inexperienced men. Send stamp. Railway Association, Dept. 1222, Brooklyn, N. Y. 12 13 19

YOUNG MEN—Be a barber. I teach you quickly, cheaply, thoroughly and furnish tools. I give you actual shop work and you keep half the receipts. Write me for catalogue. A. P. Moler, Pres. Moler College, Milwaukee, Wis. 12 13 19

WANTED—First class plumber. Call 231 Onalaska. 12 13 19

SELLING AGENT—By large eastern company, in business over sixty years. Territory in Wisconsin. Profit sharing contract, increasing compensation each year. References required. Address with references, L. C. Tribune office. 12 16 18

WANTED—Caretaker for orchestra work. Address A. J., care of Tribune. 12 16 22

CARPENTERS—Apply La Crosse Rubber Mills. 12 17 17

HELP WANTED—Female

GIRL for general housework. Must be a thoroughly competent cook. Nice room with electric lights and furnace heat; small family; good wages, no washing. 805 West avenue south. 12 6 17

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 1216 Avon. 12 15 20

WANTED—Girl. 149 South Sixth street. 12 10 17

WANTED—Four girls at once to work in our factory. Work is clean and wages good. Opportunity for permanent employment. Call at La Crosse Knitting Works. 12 8 17

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 908 Pine. 12 17 23

WANTED—Girl for general housework. 908 Pine. 12 17 19

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Mrs. Oscar Hulberg, 232 South Seventeenth. 12 16 17

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call mornings. Mrs. C. M. Cody, 816 Cass. 12 16 18

WANTED—Girl at 821 State street. 12 16 17

WANTED—Girl at the Eagle hotel. 12 1 17

WANTED—Girls. Reliable Steam Laundry, 117-119 North Sixth. 12 2 17

WANTED—Girls at Funkh Co. 10 2 17

FOR SALE

GET OUR CUT PRICES on magazine subscriptions. Weis' Book Store, 509 Main street. 12 9 22

FOR SALE—Brick, cheap. Call 123 South Second. 12 15 20

FOR SALE—Canary birds, very fine singers. Call and look them over. 628 Third street. 12 15 20

FOR SALE—Carpet weaving loom. Old style. Mrs. Bernard Heller, 425 Loomis street, Indian Hill. 12 17 20

FOR SALE—Mission clock, \$15.00. 228 South Fifth. 12 17 25

FOR SALE—Cheap, owing to sickness I will sell two beautiful hand vacuum cleaners and one vacuum sweeper, new samples, guaranteed. New phone 1588-M. 908 South Second. 12 17 18

FOR SALE—In Barron, Polk, Burnett and Washburn counties, Wis., land, improved and unimproved, in tracts to suit. For information inquire of C. H. Washburn, 1401 Mississippi street, La Crosse, Wis. 12 16 15

FOR SALE—Hard coal burner, good as new, reasonable. 720 South Eighth. 12 16 18

FOR SALE—Household goods, including piano, baby carriage, wheel chair, also ladies' caracul coat. 1509 Denton. New phone 1454-R. 12 15 17

FOR SALE—National cash register, in perfect order, used about two years. A total adder. Prints a check with each registration. Suitable for any line of business. John Mulder, 802 Rose street. 12 15 18

FOR SALE—Two dress suits, goods as new, size 37, 39, cheap. Pitzner's Dyeing and Cleaning Co., 201 State street. 12 15 17

FOR SALE—Fine kitchen range, cheap. 1335 Avon. New phone 733-A. 12 11 17

FOR SALE—Good drophead sewing machine; all attachments, in good order, \$8.00. Call new phone 615-R or call 712 Cass street. 12 15 17

FINE Janssen & Strober pianos. Easy payments. Pianos tuned. 910 South Seventh street. A. Ruhoff. 11 14 17

COLUMBIA Double Disc Records 65c. Weis' Book Store. 12 9 1 8

FOR SALE—Household goods of all kinds, second floor Tribune building. 12 8 17

GET ONE of our 25c Columbia Records. Weis' Book Store. 12 9 22

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Six room house. 714 South Sixth street. 12 16 17

FOR RENT—Three large partly furnished rooms, upstairs. Light and bath. 125 South 21st St. New phone 1467-R. 12 17 20

FOR RENT—Five room house, \$5. Address E. D., care of Tribune. 12 17 19

FOR RENT—Modern seven room house, 129 South 7th. Inquire 127 South Seventh. 12 12 18

FOR RENT—Furnished room in modern house, also furnished suit, with private bath. 617 South Fourth. 12 13 17

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, city heat, modern. Address B 4, care Tribune. 12 15 17

FOR RENT—After January 1, two strictly modern rooms; gentlemen preferred. 503 Vine street. 12 15 20

FOR RENT—House, \$9.00. Inquire 320 North Eighth street. 12 16 18

FOR RENT—Double furnished room, city heat, suitable for two. Address A., care of Tribune. 12 16 17

FOR RENT—Furnished room. 222 South Eighth. 12 15 17

FOR RENT—Small house. Inquire 2235 Mormon Coulee road. 12 13 19

FOR RENT—Modern house. Inquire L. Kleeber, 108 North Sixth St. 12 3 17

FOR RENT—Three housekeeping rooms, furnished. 714 Cass. 11 29 17

FOR RENT—Seven room house; modern except heat, North Eighth street. Inquire 516 North Eighth. Phone 1284-M. 12 2 17

FOR RENT—Modern house, 616 State. New phone 475-H. 12 6 17

FOR RENT—House, 221 North Twenty-first. Inquire next door. 12 2 17

FOR RENT—Finest wild bay crop, any part of 120 acres. See or address A. M. B., Tribune office. 8 7 17

FOR RENT—Seven room flat, all modern except heat. 1620 Jackson street. 11 1 17

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 712 Cass. 11 29 17

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room, 407 No. 4th St. 12 12 18

FOR RENT—Seven room house, 927 Wall. Another one at 1352 George. Inquire Marvin & Dubraks. 11 17 17

MISCELLANEOUS

PIANO TUNING—Renier Piano Co. new phone 1244-M. 222 South Fourth street. Factory representative Renier pianos. 9 27 17

WANTED TO BUY—A horse weighing 1,250 to 1,400 pounds, city broke. New phone 547 Black. 12 16 18

WANTED—Umbrellas repaired and recovered. 609 Main. A. Mintz. 11 12 17

TRY QUINN'S New restaurant, 122 North Third street. Regular dinner 20c. 5 3 17

WANTED—Position as chauffeur in private family or garage; experienced. Address Chauffeur, Tribune office. 12 17 18

WANTED TO BUY—Small cottage, or half a lot. Address Cottage, Tribune. 12 17 19

WANTED—Broken eyeglasses to repair. Any lens will be duplicated while you wait. Try it and save money. H. C. Evenson, manufacturing optician. 6 7 17

CARPENTER SHOP—226 Main. 9 26 17

FINANCIAL

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and diamonds. La Crosse Loan Co., 320 Main street, upstairs. 9 9 17

Foreign Markets

New York Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The stock market opened active and higher. 11 a. m.—Towards the end of the first hour the market became quiet and dull and prices sagged off a little. Traders said the rise was over, but stocks seemed to possess a good undertone. There was a complete absence of bullish operations.

Noon—At noon the market was light. At 2 p. m. the market was dull. The stock market closed quiet.

New York Money
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call 3 3/4 %. Time money 5—5 1/4 % for 6 mos. Prime mercantile 5 3/4 % @ 6 %. Bar Silver: London 26 11-16d; New York 57 3/4 c. Demand sterling 4.85.20 @ 4.85.25.

Kansas City Livestock
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—Cattle — Receipts 5,000; market steady; steers \$8.40 to \$10.00; cows and heifers \$4.40 to \$5.50; stockers and feeders \$5.60 to \$7.75; calves \$6.50 to \$11.00.

Hogs—Receipts 14,000; market 5c lower; bulk \$7.25 to \$7.60; heavy \$7.50 to \$7.70; medium \$7.40 to \$7.65; light \$7.25 to \$7.55.

Sheep — Receipts 9,000; market steady; lambs \$7.25 to \$7.85; ewes \$4.90 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders \$3.25 to \$6.40.

Chicago Livestock
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts 48,000; market dull; 5c lower; mixed and butchers \$7.35 to \$7.70; good heavy \$7.50 to \$7.75; rough heavy \$7.40 to \$7.50; night \$7.30 to \$7.60; pigs \$6.25 to \$7.50.

Cattle — Receipts 20,000; market steady to lower; beefs \$6.60 to \$9.70; cows and heifers \$3.30 to \$8.40; stockers and feeders \$4.90 to \$7.40; Texans \$6.60 to \$7.65; calves \$7.50 to \$11.00.

Sheep — Receipts 30,000; market steady to lower; native \$4.40 to \$5.70; western \$4.40 to \$5.70; lambs \$6.40 to \$7.85; western \$6.40 to \$7.85.

Chicago Produce
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Butter—Extras 35 1/2 to 36 1/2; firsts 27 to 29c; dairy extras 29 1/2; firsts 26 1/2 to 27 1/2 c.

Eggs—Prime firsts 31 1/2 to 32c; ordinary 29 to 31c. Cheese — Twins 15 1/2 to 15 3/4; Young Americas 15 1/2 to 16c. Potatoes—55 to 63c.

Live Poultry—Fowls 12 1/2 to 13c; ducks 13 to 14c; geese 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; spring chickens 12 to 12 1/2; turkeys 16 to 17c.

Barley and Flax
Minneapolis barley 43 to 66c. Minneapolis flax \$1.42 1/2 @ 1.45 1/2. Duluth flax \$1.48.

Chicago Cash Grain
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat—No. 2 red 90 to 92c; No. 3 red 94c; No. 2 hard 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; No. 3 spring 88 to 89c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 71 1/2 to 74c; No. 3 65 1/2 to 66c; No. 3 white 65 1/2 to 67c; No. 3 yellow 66 to 68c; No. 4 61 to 63 1/2; No. 4 white 62 1/2 to 64 1/2; No. 4 yellow 61 to 63c.

Oats—No. 3 white 40 1/2 to 41c; No. 4 white 39 1/2 to 40 1/2; standard 41 1/2 to 41 3/4 c.

Chicago Grain Review
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat bulls early in the day were helped by the local demand, light receipts at the northwest markets and fear of crop damage in case of a hard freeze before a snowfall. Futures were a shade higher early in the day, but before noon returned to last night's closing prices.

Corn features ruled strong and higher. December showing an advance at noon of 3/4 c over last night's closing figure. Receipts were light and many houses had orders to buy.

Trade in oats was very light and confined largely to May futures, which made an early advance of a fraction and then fell back to last night's closing price.

Provisions had a strong undertone and prices were higher in spite of a large run of hogs. Offerings were light and there was a general advance in the face of a moderate demand.

Afternoon trading in the grain

Acquit Editor of Murder

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Dec. 17.—Fay D. Slate, editor of the Mount Auburn Tribune, was acquitted of the murder of Mayor A. P. Windsor of Mount Auburn, this morning. The jury returned a verdict after being out all night.

BAN HOUSE PARTIES AT PROM THIS YEAR

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—The committee on house parties of the conference decided that there must be no parties at the prom this year. Any attempt to have an outside party or a party of students other than mere arrangement for rooming them, or for supplying the ordinary sort of meals, is to be construed as a house party.

Varsity Meets Beloit

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The varsity five will meet the Beloit basketball team here tomorrow night in the second preliminary game of the season.

May Bar Dive Inmates

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Sufrage leaders were elated today when they learned that efforts will be made to prevent women inmates of disorderly houses and male dive keepers from voting in the aldermanic election next spring. County Judge Owens said today that the vote of resort inmates could be challenged on the ground that they cannot claim legal residence if they live in a dive.

Wanted—Six experienced shoe salesmen for Frank Mader's big DISSOLUTION SALE. Apply at once

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Wanted—Furs wanted. Send us your shipments of NEW FURS and HIDE. Why not deal with our liberal, honest, Western House? We will handle your shipments fairly, give you prompt returns, and in every way make it to your interest to deal with us. Write for prices and full particulars, before you ship a skin. LA CROSSE FUR & HIDE COMPANY, 202 So. Front St., La Crosse, Wis.

Wanted—Heifers \$3.00 to \$5.50. Sheep \$2.50 to \$3.00. Spring lambs \$5.00 to \$5.50. Poultry: Chickens 10c to 10 1/2 c. Turkeys 13c to 14c. Ducks 12c to 12 1/2 c. Geese, pound 11c. Provisions: Lard, per pound 13 1/2 to 13 3/4 c. Shoulders, per pound 13 1/2 to 13 3/4 c. Bacon, per pound 17 1/2 to 18 1/2 c. Bacon, per pound 17c to 20c. Dried beef, per pound 26 to 30c. Butter and Eggs: Creamery butter, pound 33 to 34c. Dairy butter, pound 30 to 32c. Eggs, fresh, dozen 32 to 35c. Eggs, seconds, dozen 25c. Cheese: (Quoted by Hy Anderberg.) Fancy full cream twins 14 1/2 to 16c. Fancy full cream daisies 15 to 16c. Fancy full cream Limburger 16 to 18c. Fancy full cream Swiss, block 17-18c. High School Girls: Thirty girl students of the high school will appear in downtown stores during the four shopping days before Christmas, in the role of sales-ladies. Their wares will be the Red Cross Christmas seals of the Anti-Tuberculosis society. The Associated Charities recently made an appeal for workers at the high school, and the response was prompt. The girls will be stationed in all of the downtown business places.

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Crop Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A department of agriculture crop report today made the following estimates: Winter wheat—Area sown this fall is 8.6 per cent more than last year, equivalent to an increase of 2,888,000 acres, the indicated total area being 36,506,000. Condition on Dec. 1 was 97.2 against 93.2 last year. Rye—Conditions on Dec. 1, was 95.3 against 93.5 in 1912.

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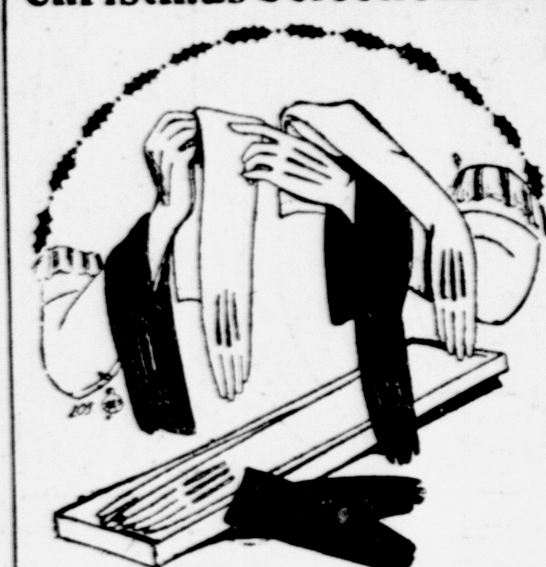
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Puss in Boots

Bring a Nickel for Puss in Boots, she has a present for you

Christmas Selections From Our Glove Dept.



Buy a pair of celebrated Verona Kid Gloves, 2 clasp, in all fashionable colors, the best glove on the market at pair **\$1.00**

VIRGINIA, a 2 clasp real Kid Glove, in Black, White and colors, specially priced for this sale at per pair **\$1.50**

ALEXANDER—3 clasp real French Kid, a prize winner at Paris Exposition, at per pair **\$2.00**

LEONORE—A one clasp Street Glove, at per pair only **\$1.00**

KENWOOD—A one clasp Silk lined Cape Street Glove, very handsome. **\$1.50**

OUR CORTLAND—Undressed Kid Gloves, known as Silk lined Suedes, one clasp, in all colors, at per pair **\$1.00**

WARM GLOVES AND MITTENS

Women's and Children's Kid Mittens, lined, priced at per pair up from **50c**

Women's Fabric Gloves, per pair up from **25c**

Women's long 16 button Kid Gloves, in Black or White, priced at **\$2.50**

Christmas Suggestions From Our Corset Dept.

Did you ever stop to think what a practical gift a Corset would make? Or Even a Brassiere, Corset Bow, fancy Hose Supporters, either round pin on or sew on models. Such practical gifts will be appreciated by mother, sister or wife. Should the size you purchased be incorrect, we will gladly exchange them after Xmas.

Corsets from **50c to \$15.00**

Brassieres from **25c to \$2.00**

Hose Supporters up from **25c**

We also have a novelty in Jewelry or Treasure Bags, at each **35c**

Christmas Items in Men's Furnishings

Men's Sweater Coats, the Byron and Shawl collars, prices range from **49c to \$5.48**

Men's Fur Caps, in Coney, Musk Rat and Hudson Seal, put up in gift boxes, prices range at each from **\$2.98 to \$10.00**

PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR MEN

Men's Plaided and Negligee Shirts, prices range from **59c to \$2.50**

Men's Neckwear in bulk, also in individual Holiday boxes, priced at from **19c to \$1.00**

Men's Mufflers and Neck Scarfs, priced at from **25c to \$3.98**

Men's Gloves for street and dress wear, prices range from **\$1.00 to \$4.98**

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, put up in holiday boxes, priced from **25c to \$1.50**

Men's Suspenders, put up in gift boxes, also in combinations, from **25c to \$1.00**

Men's Collar Bags, a large assortment to select from, prices range from **45c to \$2.50**

Men's Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets, prices range from **\$2.98 to \$10.00**

Santa Claus

From 7 until 9 o'clock ask central for Santa Claus at Doerflinger's, and tell him what you want for Christmas.

SPORTS

KONETCHY LEAVES ST. LOUIS CARDS

Joined St. Louis Team in Cincinnati After Playing with La Crosse for Two and a Half Years

COULDN'T SAVVY "BIG TRAIN"

Is Figuring in Biggest Trade in History of Organized Baseball; He Leaves with Regret

Nine and a half years ago Edward J. Konetchy was designing marshmallows in a candy factory in this city. Today he is one of the star players in the National league, and after playing with the St. Louis Cardinals for six and a half years he has just been swapped to Pittsburgh with two other players in exchange for five.

"Konetchy," as he is affectionately called by thousands of fans, only became a ball player by accident. The "call of the wild" came very near getting him. Besides presiding over the destinies of the marshmallow and fudge machines of the candy factory, he also was famed as a fisherman, a hunter and incidentally as a back lot ball player in La Crosse.

"I've got two brothers who could beat me all hollow playing ball," declares Konetchy, "but they can't see the city life. They'd rather take their boats out on the river and shoot ducks or go fishing than to play in a world's series game. I used to feel that way about it, too."

Broke Into Game

"I broke into the game in a peculiar way. I went to my foreman one day and asked him if he would give me a couple of weeks off. He asked me what for and I told him I wanted to try out with the La Crosse team that was being organized."

"The foreman was scandalized. 'You've got an iron nerve,' he shouted, 'to ask for time off to look for another job. However, you go ahead and when you find out that you can't play ball you come back here and you can go back to work making jelly beans again. You'd better stick to turning out all-day suckers and get your mind off this foolishness.'"

Konetchy, however, went to the ball park daily. He acted as a part of the scenery for eleven days, he declares. The manager often looked through him or over him or around him but never at him. Konetchy posed in the background until he felt like an old oak tree until one day the manager, who was "Pink" Hawley, called him. "Meet me down-town," he whispered, he reflected and seemed about to say "the old mill at midnight and bring the p-a-pers," but he said instead, "at Mike's Bar."

Konetchy met him and Hawley signed him up at \$50 a month, which was more than he made at the candy factory. Konetchy played with the La Crosse team two and a half years until he attracted the eyes of Jack Houston, a scout for the Cardinals and a little later Manager McCloskey went to La Crosse and signed the big youngster for St. Louis. Konetchy joined the team in Cincinnati.

Thought Him Greek

The news of the signing of Konetchy was printed and it was erroneously stated that he was a Greek. The Greeks of Cincinnati decided that it was meet that they honor this Hellenic player and all the Greek societies got together and bought a floral horseshoe almost as big as a trolley car, and with the flare of a brass band they arrived at the ball park and marched onto the grounds where they overwhelmed Konetchy under a shower of roses.

The Greeks were somewhat staggered when Konetchy told them he was not a Greek, but a Bohemian. "Well, keep it anyhow," the chairman of the occasion told him, and they found seats and watched the game, minus some of their enthusiasm.

Big Train

Konetchy was christened "The Big Train" by an admirer in St. Louis and the name stuck. He didn't know what the name meant until last week when he became inquisitive after several years and asked a friend.

"What is this Big Train stuff?" asked Konetchy. "I've been hearing that name and reading about it for years and I never knew why they called me that." His friend told him that his imaginative admirer nicknamed him after the famous race horse "McChesney," who was christened the "Big Train" on account of his speed. Konetchy appeared satisfied with the explanation.

Konetchy is 28 years old and is built like a gladiator. When he comes to the bat the opposing pitcher with difficulty represses an inclination to give vent to a violent fit of shuddering. The grandstand is thrilled, for Konetchy's proclivity to "lean on the ball" is well known. When he hits the ball he hits it right from the heart and soul. With all his weight and strength behind it, sometimes the ball with difficulty is stopped from continuing on to Kansas City.

Only Eight Homers

However, Konetchy only hit the ball in that manner eight times the past season, knocking eight home runs. He managed to collect eighteen doubles and seventeen triples along with the home runs. In 140 games Konetchy fielded .995, making only seven errors out of 1530 chances.

Konetchy goes to Pittsburgh with

LA CROSSE THEATRE

TONIGHT 8.15
JOHN C. FISHER
Presents
The Sensational Musical Comedy
THE RED ROSE
Prices: 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Seats selling.

MATINEE THURSDAY

ALL SEATS 10c
Free Photos of Ethel June
LA CROSSE THEATRE
A Woman's Revenge
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
"AMATEURS" FRIDAY
Free Presents to everybody Saturday Matinee.
Stock Company will not appear Tonight.
NIGHTS 10c and 20c

"Y'S" BEAT HIGHS IN INDOOR GAME

Game at High School Last Night Played Listlessly by School Boys but Better by Y. M. C. A.

The indoor game at the high school last night resulted in an overwhelming victory for the "Y." The score was 13 to 2. The highs played a listless game which could not compete with the crisp, snappy game put up by the Y. M. C. A. The feature of the game was the pitching of Knudson, for the "Y," who struck out twenty men. Weissie, who went in for Harris of the high in the sixth, also pitched an excellent game but his support was ragged. He struck out thirteen men.

In the first inning no runs were made on either side. In the second the Y began by making two runs. They did not score again until the fourth, when they succeeded in getting six runs. Ross Harris pitched the first four innings but in the fifth J. Weissie was put in for the high school. In the fifth, sixth and eighth innings the "Y" again scored. In the ninth, they scored twice. During the last half of the ninth the high team made a final spurt and Pust and Weissie scored. Score by innings: Y. M. C. A. 020611012—13
High school 000000002—2

Batteries: H. S. Harris, Weissie and Lapitz; Y. M. C. A., Knudson and M. Anderson.

Lineup—High school, Harris, Lapitz, Weissie, Kienahs, Smevog, Pust, Kelly, Roeder and Roche.
Y. M. C. A.—Knudson, M. Anderson, J. Betten, G. Betten, Huebner, Clow, Krause and Falk.

Strike outs, Harris 10; Weissie 13; Knudson 20.

The high school will play the Normal team Thursday evening at the Normal; Friday night the W. B. U. will clash with the high school.

Pitcher Harmon and Third Baseman Mowrey, in exchange for Wilson, outfielder; Miller, first baseman; Butler, shortstop; Dolan, third baseman, and Robinson, a pitcher. This is the biggest deal ever pulled in baseball annals, with the exception of the famous deal by which the late Stanley Robison traded \$50,000 worth of players for Roger Bresnahan.

Robison, a short while before had traded Karger and Fromme to Cincinnati for Schiel, a catcher. Later he traded Schiel, "Bugs" Raymond, pitcher, and Jack Murray, outfielder, to New York for Roger, whom he made manager of the Cardinals. Roger then made the deal that has since been criticized—trading Bobby Byrne to Pittsburgh for Allen Storker, who died before he ever reported, and Jay Barbeau, who went to Kansas City after a year.

Likes St. Louis

Konetchy said last night that he is sorry to leave St. Louis. "All that I've got is here," he declared. "There has been a lot said about me being after Miller Huggins' job and about Huggins and myself having trouble. There's nothing to it. Huggins and I are friends and have always been so."

MURPHY WANTS TINKER FOR CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Both Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati National league ball club, and Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago club, thought that the failure of the directors of the Cincinnati club to ratify Tinker's sale to Brooklyn would send Tinker to Chicago next year.

Cincinnati has asked Brooklyn for a choice of Pitchers Ragon and Yinsling and Outfielders Mora and Stengel with a cash bonus of \$15,000.

Murphy today mailed August Herrman, president of the Cincinnati club, a list of the reserve Chicago players whom he is willing to offer in trade for Tinker.

Representative Items from our Shoe and Trunk Dept., Ideal Xmas Gifts

Beautiful Goudoir Slippers, for Women, in colors, Red, Brown, etc., made of good quality Ooze Leather, Leather soles, long Silk Pom Poms to match, size 3 to 8, priced at per pair **69c**

Women's Crochet Slippers—Women's Crochet Slippers with Cuffs on tops; good quality Lamb's Wool soles, in colors, Brown, Gray, Pink, Blue, Black, etc., size 3 to 7, at per pair **49c**

Women's Vici Kid Goudoir Slippers with hand turned soles and 1/2 inch heel, colors Red, Black, Brown, Blue and Pink, in sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$1.25**

Traveling or Lounging Slippers, in a Leather Case, Men's and Women's, in Black or Tan Leather, sizes 3 to 11, per pair **98c**

PUMPS—Black Ooze Pumps, Grosgrain Ribbon Bow, 1 3/4 inch covered heels, reinforced shank, hand turned soles, comfortable and dressy, sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$3.50**

Black Satin Pumps—Black Satin Pumps, Satin bows to match, turned soles, new low covered heels, new toe style, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, pair **\$3.00**

Velvet Pumps—Black Velvet Pumps, covered heels, hand turned soles, ribbon bow and instep strap, very dressy, sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$3.00**

Misses' Indian Moccasins, sizes 11 to 2, per pair **\$1.25**

Child's Indian Moccasins, sizes 8 to 11, per pair **98c**

Each pair will be put in a beautiful Holiday Box.



Traveling Bags for Men and Women, from 89c to \$19.50—We are showing an extensive line of latest styles in Traveling Bags and Suit Cases, embracing every known requirement in hand baggage. We have them in all the new Black and Tan Leathers. The workmanship and finish of these goods is of the very best, we handle only the best makes obtainable, from 89c to \$19.50

Men's House Slippers—What more useful and satisfactory gift can you give for men than a beautiful pair of Slippers for him to put on when he comes home evenings, for a rest after his hard day's work? We are showing a very complete line, a few of which we mention here.

Men's Tan Vici Kid Romeo, elastic sides with flexible extension soles, broad comfortable foot form last, sizes 6 to 11, per pair **\$1.75**

Men's Tan Everett House Slipper, light weight sole and low comfortable heel, inlaid patent leather design on instep, sizes 6 to 11, per pair **\$1.25**

Men's Tan Buckskin Slipper with burnt design on vamp, Leather fringe, extra sole sewed on. Sizes 6 to 10, priced at per pair **\$2.25**

Women's genuine Tan Buckskin Slipper, with Leather fringe and burnt design on vamp, sizes 3 to 7, at per pair **\$1.48**

Women's Brown Elkskin Moccasin, beautifully hand beaded decorations on vamp, Leather fringe, sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$1.95**

Another style, same as above, sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$1.75**

High Grade Full Dress Slippers at Holiday Prices—Just received a shipment of Women's Party and Dancing Slippers, extra fine quality Satin. Hand turned soles, medium high covered heels, large new Pom Poms to match. Colors Black, White, Pink, Blue, Nell Rose and new Golden shades, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, widths B, C, D and E, per pair **\$3.00**

THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION—TOYLAND

98c for a self-steering Sled, extra well made. Others up to \$1.98.	39c for the famous Bucking Mule.	49c for a Boy's Steel Wheelbarrow. Others up to \$1.50.	25c for Iron Toy Fire Engine or Steamer. Others up to \$2.98.	98c for Crockinole Board, with Dice.	25c for Iron Dray with two Horses.
49c for Iron Truck with 3 Horses. Others from 25c to \$2.98.	9c for a set of Blocks. Others up to \$1.50.	25c for Toy Elephant. Others up to \$1.98.	47c for an Iron Transfer Wagon with two Horses. Others up to \$2.98.	98c for Electric Train with Track. Others up to \$20.00.	47c for a Boys' Drum with 10 in. head. Others up to \$5.00.
98c for the Hill Climber Truck.	39c for a Roller Chime with Dog.	9c for Xmas Tree with stand. Other up to \$7.50.	\$4.87 for Boys' Auto with extra heavy wheels, easy running.	98c for Child's Sewing Machine with attachment. Others up to \$5.98.	43c for a Horse and Cart, hair covered horse. Others up to \$10.
23c for a Doll Bed, Wire, complete with Mattress and Pillows. Others up to \$2.00.	19c for an Accordion. Others up to \$3.50.	37c for Magic Lantern with six separate Slides.	49c for an Air Gun for shooting B B shot.	98c for 15 key Piano, mahogany finish. Others from 25c to \$10.00.	69c for Boys' Iron Wagon. Others up to \$2.50.
					39c for an Iron Ice Wagon.
					98c for Chau-tauqua Black Board Combination and Desk.
					10c for a Toy Telephone.

Current Talk

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Manager John Evers of the Cubs, returned today from his outing in the Adirondacks and conferred with President Murphy who still hopes to land Joe Tinker. Murphy has received no reply to the letter he addressed to the Cincinnati club, asking permission to talk to Tinker.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—Owen Moran, British lightweight, will be matched against the winner of the Ad Wolgast-Charley White bout here Friday night, it was announced today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The New York state athletic commission may recognize the suspension of Packey McFarland by the Wisconsin boxing

commission and put it in force here according to Charles J. Harvey, its secretary. No action will be taken, however, until official notification of the suspension is received from Wisconsin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—That Young Joe Shugrue, Jersey lightweight, has not another knockout to his credit is due to the ability of Cy Smith to assimilate punishment. Shugrue led throughout the ten rounds of their fight here last night.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—According to rumors being circulated here today Cleveland may be dropped from the Federal league and replaced either by Toronto or Brooklyn.

"I once knew a reformed hero who admitted he won his medal by being too scared to run from an impending peril."—Rufe Hoskins.

AD WOLGAST IS SURE OF WINNING

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—If confidence stands for anything, Charley White, who battles Ad Wolgast here Friday night before the National A. C., is already a beaten scrapper.

After a light workout yesterday afternoon, Ad relieved himself of the following: "I hear that White is a slight favorite over me in the coming scrap Friday night. I don't see how the fans figure him a favorite. For my part I think he has the greatest newspaper reputation in the country. They claim he has a great left, but what did he ever do with it? Whom did he ever defeat of any consequence, and still the fans figure that he can beat me. For my part, I believe I will go through him in about five or six rounds. Nothing but a knockout will satisfy me and that is what I am going after. I am going to show the fans a real fight and what's more I am going to demonstrate that I am still a championship contender, if not a champion."

RITCHIE FIGHTS \$15,000 BATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The Willie Ritchie-Tommy Murphy contest is on again, and in the interests of harmony, good fellowship and honest sport it is to be hoped that nothing in the shape of an inflamed proboscis or an insufficient guarantee will clog the wheels of progress or cause doubt to arise as to the good faith of the principals.

Ritchie will get the \$15,000 he held out for, and Tommy Murphy will get in on the second table. Stay though—our Willie magnanimously agreed to allow Murphy \$200 to defray cost of his recent training at San Rafael.

RYAN TAKES JOB

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Paddy Ryan, champion weight thrower, who resigned from the Irish Athletic club, may go to Chicago and compete for some club there, his friends declared today. They said Ryan is considering such an offer. Ryan and J. J. Cahill, metropolitan jumper and 56-pound weight champion, resigned, it is said, because of failure of club officials to show proper fraternal spirit.

L'L ARTHA STILL CHAMP

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Jack Johnson is still heavyweight champion of the world, according to a decision of the New York state athletic commission cabled today to Paris. The opinion was given at the request of French promoters who have tried to strip Johnson of his title because, they say, he refuses to defend it.